



Religion 3

Diocese of Greensburg Curriculum

Unit	Content	Skills
Holy Trinity	<p>The students will know and understand the following content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Holy Trinity is three Persons in one God.• God is our Heavenly Father.• Jesus is our Savior and Brother.• The Holy Spirit is our Helper and our Guide.• All creation shows God's goodness• God created humans in his image and likeness• Jesus is the Messiah, the Chosen One, Our Savior• Jesus died and rose saving all people from sin• Jesus performed miracles• Holy Spirit unites the Church and makes its members holy• The Holy Spirit guides us to make good choices.	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain each part of the Holy Trinity.• Distinguish between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.• Recite the Sign of the Cross.• Define and retell the story of creation.• Explain why we are made in the image and likeness of God.• Identify Jesus as Messiah, Savior, Chosen One• Understand the Incarnation (divine and human nature) of Jesus.• Understand that the Holy Spirit is our helper and guide.• Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance when making choices.
Getting to Know Jesus	<p>The students will know and understand the following content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus taught about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.• Jesus shared the Good News about God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace.• Jesus is the Messiah, the Chosen One, and Savior.• Jesus died and rose to new life to save all people from the power of sin.• Jesus' law of love is to love one another as Jesus loves each of us.• Jesus teaches that we should love and forgive our enemies.• Jesus' Miracles	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate their understanding of God the Father and the Holy Spirit.• Share the Good News of justice, love, and peace.• Identify Jesus as Messiah, Savior and the Chosen One.• Recall the Paschal Mystery.• Learn about how we show Jesus' love through our actions.• Demonstrate their understanding of forgiveness.• Retell stories of Jesus' miracles. (Wedding Feast At Cana (First Miracle), Multiplication of loaves (connection to Eucharist), Calming of the Storm, Raising of Lazarus, Walking on Water, Healing Miracles)• Retell the story of the Good Shepherd.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus as the Good Shepherd • Jesus' Baptism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the story of Jesus' Baptism.
<p>Saints</p>	<p>An understanding of the significance of the Saints in the Church and the lives of Catholics and celebrating Feast Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary is the Queen of the Saints • Feast of the Archangels and Guardian Angels • Celebration of special Feast Days for example: St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Nicholas, St. Paul, St. Patrick, and St. Blaise 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain that Mary is the most important Saint. • Demonstrate their understanding of the roles of Archangels and Guardian Angels. • Recognize characteristics of saints within people around them. • Retell stories about the lives of Saints. • Share in the celebrations of different Saints' feast days. • Participate in the Feast of Saint Blaise by having their throats blessed.
<p>Liturgical Year</p>	<p>The students will know and understand that the following content is part of the liturgical calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent • Christmas • Ordinary Time • Lent • Holy Week • Triduum • Easter • Pentecost 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in an Advent Wreath Prayer Service. • Participate in a Jesse Tree Celebration. • Define Advent. • Retell the story of the Birth of Jesus. • Retell the story of the Shepherds' Visit. • Retell the story of the Magis' Visit. • Understand Ash Wednesday and Lent using the Scripture stories of penance, sacrifice, and forgiveness. • Understand and participate in the practices of fasting, abstinence and almsgiving during Lent. • Participate in Stations of the Cross with the school community. • Participate in a Communal Penance Service for Lent. • Become more familiar with the events surrounding the Easter Triduum. • Retell the Scripture stories surrounding the Triduum. • Retell the Scripture stories surrounding Jesus Resurrection on Easter. • Become familiar with Scripture stories surrounding Pentecost.

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<p>Holy Days of Obligation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Solemnity of All Saints' Day - November 1 • The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - December 8 • The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ - December 25 • The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1 • The Solemnity of the Ascension - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter • The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate and understand the meaning in the All Saints' Day Mass. • Retell the story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. • Retell the story of the Nativity of the Lord and understand the true meaning of Christmas. • Understand the importance of Mary's role in God's plan for mankind. • Retell the story of Jesus Ascension into Heaven. • Understand that Mary was so special to God that she was taken to Heaven both body and soul. • Understand that Pentecost and Easter are Holy days that are celebrated on Sundays
<p>Advent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent is the preparation for Christmas • Advent Wreath • Feast of the Annunciation • Feast of Immaculate Conception • Feasts celebrated during Advent (St. Nicholas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy) • Advent Penance Service 	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in an Advent wreath prayer service. • Define Advent. • Participate in activities that will bring them closer to Jesus. • Retell the story of the Annunciation. • Differentiate between Annunciation and Immaculate Conception. • Retell the stories of the special Advent feasts.
<p>Scripture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible is the Word of God written in human words inspired by the Holy Spirit. • Christians are called by Jesus to be the light of the world. 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate particular verses in the Bible. • Learn how to share Jesus' light with others and give examples. • Demonstrate understanding of the meaning of the parables.

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<p>Christmas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas • Nativity • Epiphany • Magi, Gifts of the Magi • Manger/Crèche 	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the story of the Birth of Jesus • Retell the story of the shepherds visit • Retell the story of the Magi's visit • Demonstrate understanding of the meaning of celebrating Christmas
<p>The Church on Earth; Living Our Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church is the People of God gathered in the name of Jesus. • Children first learn about God's love through their families. • The family home is called the "domestic Church." • The Church is the Body of Christ to which all members belong. • Church members continue Jesus' work when they help others. • The bishops are the successors of the Apostles. • The pope, bishops, and priests lead and guide the Church. • The Church's mission is to share Jesus' Good News with people of all nations. • The Church is catholic because it is everywhere and welcomes everyone. • God's gift of faith, hope, and love/charity are virtues that help you live a good and moral life. • The apostles are the first leaders of the church. • Review the 10 commandments. • Review the two Greatest Commandments from Jesus. • Four Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Church and church. • Recognize that their families are their first religion teachers. • Understand that another name for Church is the Body of Christ. • Understand that as members of the Church, we are to continue Jesus' work. • Identify the leaders of the Church. • Recognize the Church's mission to share Jesus' Good News. • Define catholic (universal) compared to Catholic (as a denomination). • Understand that the virtues of faith, hope, and love/charity help us live moral lives. • Understand the importance of service to others. • Read the story of Jesus calling the 12 apostles. • Recite the two Greatest Commandments. • Distinguish between the first three commandments (love of God) and the last seven (love of others). • Identify the four marks of the church.

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<p>Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God. • Prayer is an important part of a Christian's daily life. • The Sign of the Cross • The Guardian Angel Prayer • The Lord's Prayer • The five forms of prayer revealed in Scripture: praise, adoration, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving • Hail Mary • Glory Be • Act of Contrition • Apostles Creed • Communal Prayer • Personal Prayer • The Rosary 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recite the following prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guardian Angel, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed • Understand the meaning of the prayers that they recite. • Recognize the importance of prayer in our daily lives. • Understand the different types of prayer. • Recite the Rosary with the school community.
<p>The Mass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the significance of the Baptismal/Holy Water Font, Genuflection, the Tabernacle, the Altar and the Confessional • Mass is the Church's most important form of worship. • In Mass, the Church remembers what Jesus did at the Last Supper. • An understanding of the parts of Mass. • Sacramentals 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the importance of sacred objects and actions in the Church. • Participate in school Mass with a better understanding of the parts of the Mass. • Understand that Mass is a celebration of Jesus' Last Supper. • Define and identify sacramentals.

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Lent	<p>The students will know and understand the following terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lent is the preparation for Easter • Crucifixion of Jesus • Stations of the Cross • Passion of Jesus • Holy Week • Significance of the Last Supper • Palm Sunday • Triduum • Lenten Penance Service 	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the Apostles' involvement in the Passion. • Understand Ash Wednesday and Lent using the scripture stories. • Understand and participate in the practices of fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. • Participate in the Stations of the Cross with the school community. • Participate in communal penance service for Lent. • Understand the events surrounding the Easter Triduum.
Sacraments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery in all the sacraments. • Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. • Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. • Sacraments of Service: Matrimony and Holy Orders. 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how the Paschal Mystery is represented in the sacraments. • Name the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and know their significance • Name the Sacraments of Healing and know their significance • Name the Sacraments of Service and know their significance • Explore different vocations using a variety of resources
Easter	<p>The students will know and understand the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter • Resurrection • Ascension • Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the scripture stories surrounding Jesus' Resurrection on Easter. • Retell the post-Resurrection stories of Christ. • Explain what happened on the Feast of the Ascension. • Retell the scripture story of Pentecost • Demonstrate an understand that Pentecost is the "birthday" of the church

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<p>Mary the Mother of God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immaculate Conception • Annunciation • Visitation • Mary is the Mother of God • Rosary • Mysteries of the Rosary • Assumption • May Crowning 	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and explain the important feasts of Mary. • Name the different titles of Mary and know the meaning of each • Recite the rosary. • Relate how the Mysteries of the Rosary apply Mary's life. • Understand the significance of May Crowning.