

GRADE 3

I. Knowledge of the Faith

God the Son: Jesus Christ

Old Testament

Original Sin

Pentecost

The Church

The Virgin Mary

(3.1.1 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...recognizes that Jesus is a Person who lived, died, and rose historically; He is alive and with us now

Examples: Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, Nicene Creed, Pontius Pilate, Draw a Timeline of Holy Week, The Ascension, Mt. 28:16-20, John 21:24-25, CCC 464-469

- Illustrates that Jesus is fully human and fully divine
 - Identifies Jesus as the fulfillment of the promised Messiah and savior
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(3.1.2 S, M, T)...connects the stories of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and David to the Old Testament

Examples: Adam & Eve, Exodus Story, Daniel & the Lions' Den, Covenants, Contracts, Promises, CCC 121, 128-130, 697, 707, 1093, 1156

- Defines a Covenant as a special promise made between God and humans
 - Discusses the promises God made to Adam and to Noah (Cf. Gen. 3:15 and Gen. 9:8-17)
 - Appropriately places familiar Bible stories in the Old or New Testament
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(3.1.3 S, M, T) ESSENTIAL...traces our knowledge of Original Sin back to the story of Adam & Eve

Examples: Genesis 2 & 3, Sacrament of Baptism, Jesus says one must be born of water and spirit (Cf. John 3:5), The Great Commission of Jesus, CCC 387-390, 397, 416-417

- Recalls that all people past, present, and future are born with this original sin, except for Jesus and Mary
 - Identifies that it is Jesus who saves us from original sin and that we receive this salvation through baptism
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(3.1.4 S, M, T)...identifies The Virgin Mary as the first disciple of Jesus

Examples: Angel Gabriel, Nativity Story, Handmaid of the Lord, Is. 7:14, CCC 411, 466, 495, 484, 490-491, 963

- Summarizes the story of the Annunciation (Luke 1.26-38)
 - Explains that Mary was protected from original sin by God and was perfectly obedient to God throughout her whole life
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(3.1.5 S, M, T)...explains the four Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

Examples: Nicene Creed, Church as the Body of Christ (Cf. 1 Cor. 12), Mt. 10:2, Mk. 3:14, Mk. 6:30, Lk. 6:13, Acts 2:42, Mt. 16:18 CCC 811, 857-860, 866-870

- Explains that the twelve apostles were chosen by Jesus to be His followers and to help Him begin His Church here on earth
- Identifies The Church as Jesus' representatives acting on Earth, on his behalf, to bring all people to our heavenly home

(3.1.6 S, M, T)...explains that on the day of Pentecost, the Church received the Holy Spirit and all its Spiritual Gifts

Examples: Jn. 15:26-27, Acts 2, Birthday of the Church, CCC 726-732, 830, 1076, 1287

- Identifies the day of Pentecost as the 50th day after Easter
- Identifies the Holy Spirit as the advocate Jesus promised at the Last Supper

II. Liturgy and Sacraments

Baptism **The Mass** **Eucharist** **Confession** **Confirmation**
What is a Sacrament? **Sacramentals**

(3.2.1 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL**...explains sacraments as actions of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church to bring about our healing and salvation

Examples: 7 Sacraments, God uses natural things he created (water, oil, bread, and wine) to give us his Son and the Holy Spirit, Eucharist from Passover feast to the Body of Christ, CCC 374, 1265, 1272-1273

- Recognizes that man's relationship with God has been redeemed through Jesus, and sustained through the Church and her Sacraments, especially Baptism
- States that Jesus transformed each of the 7 sacraments from human actions into divine actions

(3.2.2 S, M, T)...explains how Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist are the Sacraments of Initiation

Examples: Age of Reason (7 years old), Liturgy, Bread, Wine, Holy Water, Holy Oils, White Garment, Godparents, indelible (unerasable) mark on the soul, full initiation to the Catholic faith, CCC 1212

- Views Baptism as Spiritual Adoption into the family of God, whereby we can receive the same gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit that Jesus received as God's son
- Explains that Confirmation deepens our experience of Communion with Jesus and the Church

(3.2.3 S, M, T)...explains how Reconciliation/Penance and Anointing of the Sick are the Sacraments of Healing

Examples: Examination of Conscience, Confession, Act of Contrition, Penance, Absolution, benefits of frequent Confession, Oil of the Sick, Forgiveness of Sins, James 5:14-15, CCC 1420-1421, 1422-1424, 1480, 1491, 1499-1505

- Defines the elements (Examination of Conscience, Confession, Act of Contrition, Penance, Absolution) of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Connects Anointing of the Sick to the Letter of James' directions to bring the sick to a priest that they might be healed and forgiven of their sins

(3.2.4 S, M, T)...describes the Eucharist as a remembrance of the Last Supper, the sacrifice of the cross, the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection that sacramentally makes these present now

Examples: Mass, Eucharistic prayers, Holy Communion, Paschal sacrifice, Offertory, Words of Consecration, blood on the doorpost of Israelites, Resurrection, CCC 610-611, 737, 1352-1354, 1365-1368

- Explains that Jesus makes himself present in the bread and wine as his body and blood through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the prayers of the bishop or priest
- Retells how the name "Communion" reflects our union with Jesus as well as all others who receive the body of Christ at each Mass

(3.2.5 S, M, T)...illustrates the order of the basic structure of the Mass

Examples: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Offertory, Homily, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Sign of Peace, Communion Rite, Concluding Rites, Lectern, Altar, Tabernacle, Chair, Sacred Chrism, CCC 1145-1162

- Explains the importance of singing and responding with one's voice at the Mass
- Names items and elements of the liturgy and their basic purpose
- Describes how we are called to go forth from Mass to be Christ's light in the world

(3.2.6 S, M, T)...describes how Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders are the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Examples: Vocations, Man and Woman, Vows, Deacon, Priest, Bishop, Chrism Oil, Laying on of Hands, CCC 1533-1536, 1601-1602

- Illustrates how the family (mother, father, and child) in the sacrament of Marriage reflects the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)
 - Draws parallels between the priestly work of Jesus in the Gospels with the priestly duties of modern-day priests and bishops
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(3.2.7 S, M, T) ...describes how sacramentals prepare us to receive the grace given by sacraments and help to sanctify (make holy) parts of ordinary life

Examples: Blessings of Persons, Meal Blessings, Blessing of Personal Objects, Blessing Objects for Liturgical Use, Prayers for Spiritual Protection against evil, CCC 1669-1678

- Discusses examples of different blessings prayed by Lay People and those blessings unique to Priests (E.g. Epiphany blessing of the home or parents' blessings for their kids vs. priest's blessing of rosaries or crucifixes)
- Explains Consecration (as a general concept) as making people and things holy, or ordering them toward God

III. Life in Christ and Discipleship

Communion of Saints **The Magisterium** **10 Commandments**

What is Discipleship? **Love of God & Love of Neighbor** **Sin**

(3.3.1 S, M, T) ...explains that the Communion of Saints is all the faithful that ever lived, who died in friendship with God

Examples: Nicene Creed, any person in heaven is a saint, Canonization, popular saints, patron saints of diocese-Mary, Mother of God, Servant of God Bishop Simon Brute, CCC 946-948, 953, 960

- Describes that all of the saints are not dead, but alive in Heaven
- Shares that the Communion of Saints prays constantly for us on Earth

(3.3.2 S, M, T) ...discusses the role the Pope and Bishops play in the protection and passing on of the Gospel message and teachings of the Church

Examples: Pastor, "Father", celebrate sacraments, Successors of the Apostles, Vatican II, Council of Nicaea, Connection with Jesus Christ – in persona Christi, counselor, teacher, healer, CCC 876-878, 888-892, 894-895 1142, 1549

- Identifies our Diocesan Bishop
- Describes the function and purpose of the Priest
- Recalls the unique ability of the Pope and the Bishops to call a Church Council

(3.3.3 S, T) ...recites from memory the 10 Commandments

Examples: 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, Mortal sin and Venial sin, Ex.20:1-17 Mt. 22:34-40, Mk.12:28-34, Lk.10:25-28, CCC 2055, 2196

- Explains The Great Commandment that Jesus taught
- Draws modern-day applications to the 10 Commandments in everyday life

(3.3.4 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL** ...describes Discipleship as a lifelong journey of following the example of Jesus in how to worship, pray, love God, and love our neighbor

Examples: Apprenticeship, 10 Commandments, Genesis 1 & 2, The Great Commandment, Mt. 25:31-46, CCC 340, 344, 357-358, 371-374, 2443-2449

- Restates how we share in Jesus' mission to bring the Gospel message of love to the poor and victims of injustice
 - Explains that each person is created for a self-giving relationship with God
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(3.3.5 S, M, T)...explains that whatever we do for people in need, we do for Jesus
Examples: 10 Commandments, Beatitudes, Venial and Mortal Sin, Gen. 1-2, The Great Commandment, Mt. 25:31-46, CCC 1700, 1930-1931, 2443, 2447, 2831

- Recognizes that every human life is a gift from God that must be respected
 - Identifies selfishness as the basis of evil and sinful choices
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(3.3.6 S, M, T)...explains the call to missionary discipleship as our responsibility to share our faith with others out of love and to live faithfully in the world

Examples: The Beatitudes, Sacrificial Love, Paschal Mystery, Evangelization, Martyrs of the Church, Catholic Charities, Churches, Hospitals, Schools, CCC 848-859

- Communicates the Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus as God's saving action for all people
 - Lists ways that individuals, families, and the Church care for people in need
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IV. Prayer and the Life of Prayer

Glory Be Hail Mary What is Prayer? The Rosary The Lord's Prayer

(3.4.1 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL**...compares and contrasts individual prayer and communal prayer

Examples: Talking to God, listening to God, Holy Bible, silence, Mass, Liturgy, personal reflection, CCC 2735-2737, 2738-2741

- Explains that God always hears our prayers
 - Conveys that prayer is able to change ourselves as well as the world around us
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(3.4.2 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL**...recites from memory traditional Catholic prayers, see examples below

Examples: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, grace before and after meals

- Explains the "Glory Be" as a prayer of adoration to God because of who he is, as well as all that he does for us
- Indicates most Catholic prayers offer praise to the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

(3.4.3 M, T)...explains that we can only call God “Our Father” because Jesus revealed him to us and because of our adoption in Baptism

Examples: Sacrament of Baptism, Spiritual Adoption, Heavenly Inheritance, Col. 1:1-13, Mt. 12:48-50, CCC 2779-2802

- Generalizes that our hope is that by praying like Jesus (The Our Father) we will become more like Jesus
- Recalls the “Our” in the “Our Father” tells us that all baptized people are children of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ

(3.4.4 S, M, T)...explains that, like Mary herself, the Rosary always points back to her son, namely, in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus

Examples: Luminous, Sorrowful, Joyful, and Glorious Mysteries, CCC 2679

- Recalls the encounters between Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, and the Archangel Gabriel as the sources for the Hail Mary prayer
- Identifies the 4 sets of mysteries of the Rosary by name and theme

V. Community Life and Missionary Initiation

Gifts of the Holy Spirit Theological Virtues What is Virtue?

Liturgical Year Use of Scripture

(3.5.1 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL**...discusses how Virtue allows the person to do good acts, but also to give the best of themselves

Examples: Practice makes perfect, Habitual virtue, frequent reception of the sacraments, “Bad habits are rituals too”, CCC 1803-1804, 1810

- Details how growing in our practice of virtue draws us closer to good things and choices
- Explains the difficulty in growing in virtue when we are often tested by temptation and fall into sin

(3.5.2 S, M, T)...distinguishes Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Love) from Human Virtues

Examples: Theological Virtues relate directly to God, Human Virtues (E.g. Excellence, bravery, honesty, integrity, loyalty), Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Children’s Imitation of their Parents, The Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Pentecost, Paul’s Letters, CCC 1812-1829

- Summarizes that God gives us his Spirit so that we can act like his children
 - Gives concrete examples of living out Faith, Hope, and Love
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(3.5.3 S, M, T) ...distinguishes the Gifts of the Holy Spirit from one another

Examples: Wisdom (knowing God's wishes or plan), Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord, Jesus has all 7 gifts perfectly; CCC 1830-1831, 1845

- Recalls that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent gifts that help us follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our words and actions
 - Explains that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given through Baptism and made complete in Confirmation
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(3.5.4 S, M, T) ...describes how the season of Advent prepares us for Christmas and for the second coming of Christ

Examples: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Reconciliation, Conversion, Ash Wednesday, the Triduum, Good Friday, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist Liturgical calendar, Color Violet/Purple, Nicene Creed, Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, CCC 524, 1163

- Explains how the season of Lent is a special time for praying, sacrificing, and sharing because of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection
 - Discusses how Feast Days and Memorials of the Saints point back to Jesus' victory over sin and death
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(3.5.5 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL** ...explains how the Bible is organized by Books, Chapters, and Verses

Examples: The Bible, Table of Contents, St. Jerome, Latin, Greek, Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, individual Scripture reading, CCC 101-104, 109, 120-125

- Paraphrases that when we listen to God's Word proclaimed in Scripture, we hear God speaking to us today
 - Connects the Old Testament with the 10 Commandments and the teachings communicated through Moses and the New Testament with the New Covenant made by Jesus
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VI. Christian Anthropology

(3.6.1 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL** ...gives examples of man's unique relationship with God as set apart from the rest of creation

Examples: Naming the animals, cultivating the earth, and choosing between good and evil, TOB 5:4, 6; CCC 343, 356, 373, 378

- Explains how humanity alone is created to share together in prayer and worship to God
 - Describes the unique dignity given to humanity because of this relationship
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(3.6.2 S, M, T)...contrasts how God can enable people to view the world and others as gifts with how some people view the world and others as a threat, eliciting a response of selfishness and manipulation

Examples: TOB 15:1, 46:6; CCC 2514, 2517-2519, 2524, 2531

- Discusses examples of “gifts” vs. rewards or purchased goods
 - Connects the responses of selfishness and manipulation to feelings of fear and God’s repeated use of “Do not be afraid” in the Bible
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(3.6.3 M, T)...relates how the body reveals the person

Examples: TOB 14:4; CCC 364-366, 371

- Describes how what we do with our bodies reveals something about us
 - Gives examples of choices that reveal something about ourselves
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(3.6.4 S, M, T)...relates Adam and Eve’s relationship with God before the fall to the restoration of humanity’s relationship with God through baptism

Examples: God walked with man in the Garden (Cf. Gen 2-3), Jesus says, “I no longer call you slaves, but friends” Jn. 15:15, TOB 91:5, 92:2, 96:2-5; CCC 374, 1265, 1272-1273

- Explains how Baptism actually brings us into a closer relationship with God than Adam had with God before the fall
 - Compares and contrasts how our relationships can be harmed by sinful choices to how Adam’s and Eve’s relationship with God was like before and after the Fall
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(3.6.5 S, M, T)...relates being connected to Jesus the True Vine (Jn. 15:4-5) to manifesting the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

Examples: TOB 51; CCC 736, 1831-1832, 2074

- Describes the relationship between vines, fruits, and connectedness
 - Discusses what other “vines” people connect themselves to and the “fruit” those choices bear
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(3.6.6 S, M, T) **ESSENTIAL**...recognizes that in heaven there will be a profound unity and harmony between the soul and the body

Examples: TOB 66:5-6; CCC 996-997

- Gives examples of unity and harmony among people
- Illustrates how what we say with our mouths doesn’t always match what we feel in our minds and hearts