

GRADE 2

CORE CONCEPT:

I. THE MYSTERY OF GOD, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of God as creator of all things.

- Indicates that God is always willing to forgive through Jesus.
- Indicates that God's love is like the unconditional love of a parent.
- Identifies names of God as Father, Almighty, Creator.

STANDARD 2: Understands the human person as imaging God.

- Recognizes God in each other through our actions.
- States that to know, to love and to choose is a reflection of God.
- Recognize moments of shared love as a reflection of God's love.

STANDARD 3: Recognizes the inter-connectedness of humans with all creation.

- Recognizes the connection of all creation as designed by God.
- Explains that the innate value of things and persons comes from being created by God.

STANDARD 4: Recognizes the call to continuing conversion by further developing the Kingdom of God.

- Recognizes good choices are pleasing to God.
- Differentiates good choices and bad choices.

II. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, THE INCARNATE WORD OF GOD

STANDARD 1: Articulates an understanding of the Incarnation: the Word of God, enfleshed in Jesus Christ.

- Explains that Jesus was born into a human family with Mary and Joseph.
- Names Jesus as "Emmanuel", God with us.
- Associates Jesus' birth with the feast of Christmas.

STANDARD 2: Articulates an understanding of Christ's life, death, and resurrection as the distinctive sign of Christian faith.

- Explains that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.
- Describes stories of Jesus' life.
- Explains the name "Jesus" as God saves, "Christ" as Anointed One.

STANDARD 3: Recognizes that through Jesus, God established a relationship of particular intimacy with us.

- Recalls Jesus as being God's most special gift and present to us in our lives.
- Recognizes that Jesus offers everyone God's forgiveness.
- Identifies Jesus as the son of God, savior, friend, and brother.

III. THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LOVING PRESENCE OF GOD

STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as being the Spirit of God who reveals God and makes Christ known to us.

- Demonstrates the Sign of the Cross.
- Recalls that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Illustrates an understanding of the Spirit as God's presence in our lives.

STANDARD 2: Articulates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the one who awakens us to faith.

- Explains that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost.
- Describes the Holy Spirit as the one who helps us to live a good life.

STANDARD 3: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the vibrant presence of God in the Church and the World.

- Names the special gifts of the Spirit.
- Identifies Spirit as a guide.
- Gives examples of the gifts of the Spirit in the Church and the world.

IV. THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH, THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

STANDARD 1: Identifies the covenants revealed in the Scriptures as extending to all creation.

- Explains that God promised and sent Jesus to help us.
- Defines covenant as promise.

STANDARD 2: Demonstrates an understanding of and an appreciation for active participation in a community of faith.

- Recognizes that the Church is a family.
- Identifies that the work of the Church is a continuing work of Jesus through worship, community and service.
- Identifies God's presence everywhere, especially through other people and the Church.

STANDARD 3: Identifies the context of the Scriptures and their role in the development of the Church.

- Identifies the major divisions of the Bible, containing different kinds of books.
- Recognizes the New Testament as telling us about Jesus as God and man.

STANDARD 4: Articulates the nature of Tradition and its role in the development of the Church.

- Relates family traditions to Church traditions and practices.
- Names the principal elements of the Creed.

STANDARD 5: Identifies the role of Mary and the Saints in the life of the Church.

- Explain that since Mary is the Mother of Jesus, who is God, then Mary is the Mother of God.

- Names a saint as a holy person who really loves God.
- Explains that Mary said “yes” to God’s plan for all humanity.
- Names some saints.

STANDARD 6: Identifies the call to missionary discipleship.

- Identifies ways to live as a disciple.
- Names individuals who live their lives as disciples.

V. GOD TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE OUT OUR SALVATION

STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of the Paschal Mystery and the various ways we encounter it in daily living.

- Compares the new life that is ours after death to the cycle in nature of death and new life.
- Identifies ways we experience new life daily.

STANDARD 2: Demonstrates the ability to apply the commandment of love by making life decisions within the Christian moral framework.

- Illustrates God’s gift of freedom to make choices.
- Recognizes the need to express sorrow for bad choices.
- Illustrates the Ten Commandments and Great Commandment as guides for loving God and neighbor.

STANDARD 3: Demonstrates the relationship between faith and culture as it is found in the arts, sciences, and technology.

- Names the contributions of various cultures to expressions of faith.
- Recognizes faith values as experienced through art, science and the use of technology.

STANDARD 4: Applies Catholic principles to interpersonal relationships as found in the family, the workplace, society and the Church.

- Associates how our beliefs shape the way we relate to family and friends.
- Describes that Christ’s love and teachings are for all people.

STANDARD 5: Exercises responsible stewardship toward all creation.

- Demonstrates the responsibility to respect God’s creation.
- Recognizes the value of time as a gift given and received.
- Identifies the value of one’s talents as given by God and shared through service.
- Demonstrates sharing treasures.
- Recalls the meaning of steward.

STANDARD 6: Examines the variety of Christian lifestyles as ways of responding to the baptismal call to a life of service.

- Identifies oneself as a Catholic Christian.
- Recalls that followers of Jesus become Christians through Baptism.
- Recognizes that Baptism calls us to service through various vocations.

I. GOD INVITES US INTO RELATIONSHIP THROUGH PERSONAL PRAYER AND THROUGH COMMUNITY WORSHIP.

STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of and an experience with different ways of relating to God in prayer on a personal level and in community.

- Indicates prayer as addressing God in praise, thanksgiving, contrition and petition.
- Practices praying in song, gestures, movement, art and drama.

STANDARD 2: Demonstrates the importance of Sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics.

- Recognizes the Eucharist as Jesus' gift to oneself.
- Identifies Baptism as making one a part of God's family.
- Identifies Sacraments as celebrations of Jesus' love and presence.
- Recognizes the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a sign of Jesus' love, mercy and forgiveness.

STANDARD 3: Demonstrates recognition of the sacredness of time through the celebration of the hours, the liturgical season and special feasts and days.

- Identifies Advent as a time of waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth.
- Names Lent as a period from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday.
- Identifies Easter as celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

VII. GOD CALLS US TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR

STANDARD 1: Engages in activities that demonstrate an understanding of and personal witness to Christ's command to love and serve one another.

- Demonstrates an awareness of learning compassion, loving actions and sharing with others.
- Recalls that Jesus sums up the Commandments for us in his Commandment to love.

STANDARD 2: Engages in service to the community in response to the Gospel call.

- Understands that as Christians we are called to lead just and peaceful lives in the service of God and others.
- Practices acts of service.
- Identifies works of service as continuing Jesus' work.

STANDARD 3: Critiques societal structures in the light of Catholic social justice principles and applies them to social and personal situations.

- States how the Church works for love, justice, and peace.
- Identifies the dignity of each person as at the heart of Catholic social justice.

STANDARD 4: Acknowledges and affirms the diverse cultural expressions of Catholicism.

- Recognizes that Catholicism extends to people of all races and nationalities.
- Identifies different cultures expressing Christianity.