

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM CONCEPTS

Grade 2

By the end of Grade 2, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas:

Area #1: ***The Profession of Faith*** (CCC #26-1065)

1. Catholics believe in one God who is three Persons, the Blessed Trinity (CCC# 199-202, 238-260)
2. Jesus is the Son of God and shares our human nature (CCC# 456-486)
3. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is with us today (CCC# 689-690)
4. Jesus teaches us about God in many ways:
 - a. His life with Mary and Joseph (CCC# 525-534)
 - b. His stories and teachings (CCC# 541-546)
 - c. His miracles (CCC# 547-550)
 - d. How he treated others (CCC# 517, 544-545, 547-550, 551, 588, 612, 638, 641, 858)
5. Jesus is the Bread of Life (CCC# 737, 1338)
6. Jesus forgives us our sins (CCC# 457, 606-607)
7. Jesus died for us and gives us new life (on earth and in Heaven) with his resurrection and Ascension (CCC# 651-655, 659-670)
8. Through the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church continues Jesus' work (CCC# 685-686, 689-690, 726-727, 730, 731, 743, 830)
9. The Catholic Church is the community of Jesus' followers (CCC# 790-792, 830, 951, 946-948, 949, 953, 959)
10. The parish is our local Church community (CCC# 751-752)

Area #2: ***The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*** (CCC #1066-1690)

1. Jesus gives us and is with us in the Sacraments.
2. Jesus forgave others and calls us to forgive; the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. The Mass celebrates Jesus' Last Supper, his death on the cross, and His resurrection.
4. At the Mass Catholics give thanks to God and celebrate Jesus' presence in their lives.

5. The Liturgy of the Word.
6. The Liturgy of the Eucharist; how Jesus is present in the Eucharist.
7. The Mass gives us strength to love and serve God and each other.

Area #3: ***Life in Christ*** (CCC #1691-2550)

1. God created all people good and free (CCC# 299, 311, 343, 355, 374, 1699-1706, 1704-1707),
2. The first couple (Adam and Eve) choose to turn away from God's love; Original Sin (CCC# 390-400, 1707)
3. To turn away from God's love and to choose to do wrong is called "sin" (CCC# 1849-1853)
4. God continues to love us and forgive us our sins (CCC# 410, 1609, 1708-1709, 1846-1848)
5. Beginning with the Jewish people, God shows us right from wrong; the Ten Commandments (CCC# 2083-2550)
6. Jesus teaches us the Great Commandment and the Golden Rule (CCC# 1965-1974)
7. The Church continues Jesus' forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC# 1395- 1440, 1434, 1446, 1484)

Area #4: ***Christian Prayer*** (CCC #2558-2856)

1. Students will prepare for their First Reconciliation through the following:
 - a. Examination of Conscience (CCC# 1451-1454)
 - b. Learning the ritual, prayers and responses of Confession (CCC# 1455-1460)
 - c. Learning the Act of Contrition and its meaning (CCC# 1451)
 - d. Learning the words and meaning of the words of Absolution (CCC# 1149)
 - e. Exploring various ways of doing penance (CCC# 1459-1460)
2. Students will prepare for their First Holy Communion by learning the following:
 - a. Jesus Last Supper (CCC# 1323)
 - b. The Parts of the Mass (CCC# 1345-1401)
 - c. How to receive Holy Communion in a reverent manner (CCC# 1385)
3. Students will learn about the importance of Mass attendance on Sunday (CCC# 2041-2042)
4. Students will be able to identify the following items used in the church and in the liturgy: baptistery, holy water fonts, candles, Paschal Candle, sacred vessels and vestments, altar, ambo, tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, stations of the cross, sacristy, and those symbols of particular significance to the local parish

5. Grade 2 students will begin learning and frequently pray the following:
 - a. The Sign of the Cross
 - b. The Our Father
 - c. The Hail Mary
 - d. Prayer to the Guardian Angel
 - e. Blessing with Holy Water
 - f. Grace before and after meals
 - g. Act of Contrition
 - h. Mass responses

6. Grade 2 students will celebrate the Liturgical Year, in class and with the parish community (CCC# 1168-1173)