

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 3**

PROGRAM GOAL: The student will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

COURSE GOAL: The student will know the social teaching of the Catholic Church and realize that social justice is constitutive of who we are as Christians.

SACRAMENTAL BASE

The students will:

- know that Baptism and Confirmation call them to witness to a new way of life and to spread the Good News to all peoples and nations.
- realize that, for the baptized person, living the Christian life includes involvement with, and being of service to, others.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

- The student will know that service, sharing and witnessing are a part of the total mission of the Church and the responsibility of each member.

BASE IN TRADITION: “SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING” (cf. handout #1)

The student will know:

- principle four is “Option for the Poor and Vulnerable”
 - a. we take care of the poor and vulnerable.
 - b. the life and ministry of St. Vincent de Paul (September 27) exemplify this principle.
the life and ministry of St. Martin de Porres (November 3) exemplify this principle.
 - c. how to apply this principle in their lives.
- principle six is “Solidarity”
 - a. we are all our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.
 - b. we are all members of the human family and are dependent on others throughout the world.
 - c. the life and ministry of Mother Teresa exemplify this principle.
 - d. how to apply this principle in their daily lives.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

The student will:

- recognize the talents they have and how these may be shared in the service of others.
- pray that God will give them the courage to respond appropriately to the needs of others.
- perform service projects based on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. (cf. Service Handout #2)
- know some non-violent responses to situations and be able to apply them.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CHOICES
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COURSE GOAL:	The students will learn how to discern their vocational call and to develop Christian lifestyles.
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The students will know:

- that they are unique and specially created by God.
- the need for building a strong and realistic concept of self and accepting themselves as worthwhile persons.
- that they are worthy of respect and capable of giving respect.
- that they are responsible for their decisions and the consequences of these decisions.

INTERPERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The student will know:

- that each person is valuable and worthy of being treated with dignity because he/she is created by God.
- that persons derive faith and values from interaction with their family and community.
- that it is very important to express feelings accurately, appropriately, and responsibly.
- that it is very important to listen to the other in conversation.
- that it is very important to be able to say “no” to another person when what is asked is not acceptable.
- that a person’s decisions and choices affect other people’s lives.

- that God has made each of us lovable and capable of love.
- that the loss of a relationship (loss of friend, divorce, death) causes grief. (Define grief and give examples of how grief is manifested.)

SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT

- The student will know that we are called to reverence the whole of the other person: body, mind, and spirit.

DISCERNMENT FOR LIFE CHOICES/VOCATIONS

GENERAL

The student will know:

- the difference between a Christian vocation and a career.
- a variety of vocations through contact with others.

**CHURCH/CHURCH HISTORY
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 3**

PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The students will understand the history and structure of the Roman Catholic Church.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The student will know:

- that the Church is a community of the faithful.
- that a church is a place of prayer and celebration.
- the marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic.
- that as Christians, Catholics have a special bond of unity with the Jewish people.
- the Pentecost account.

CHURCH AS INSTITUTION

The student will know:

- that the Pope is the Bishop of Rome and the leader of the Catholic Church on earth.
- the names of the Pope, the Bishop of Toledo, and their Pastor/al Leader.
- the role of the pastor/al leaders and other lay ministers of his/her parish church: deacon, liturgist, catechetical leader, etc.

APOSTOLIC AND EARLY CHURCH

The student will know:

- that Jesus called the Apostles to form the first Church community which continues to the present day (apostolic succession).

- that Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the apostles and to unify the Church (Title: “First Pope”).

TWENTIETH CENTURY, THE CHURCH AS SERVANT

The student will know:

- that we help the people of mission countries when we pray and make sacrifices.
- that, like the early Apostles, we are sent to help people believe in Jesus.

**DOCTRINE
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 3**

PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The student will have a basic understanding of Catholic Doctrine.

TRINITY

The student will know:

- the term **Trinity** and be able to identify the role of each of the three Persons of the Trinity: God the Father--Creator; God the Son--Savior; and God the Holy Spirit--Santifier.
- that the doctrine of the Trinity is a basic belief of the Catholic religion.
- that by grace the Trinity lives within us.

GOD THE SON

The student will know:

- that Jesus is both human (man) and divine (God).
- that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became human. (Incarnation, cf. Glossary)
- Jesus as Word of God, the second Person of the Trinity, the One who most fully reveals who God is because he is God.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The student will know:

- that God the Father and God the Son sent the Holy Spirit as a gift to us. (Pentecost event).
- that the Holy Spirit is received by each person when he/she is baptized and Confirmed.
- that the Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide throughout our entire life.

- that through Baptism the Holy Spirit lives in us; therefore, we are called temples of the Holy Spirit.

MARY AND THE SAINTS

The student will know:

- that, because Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and Jesus is God, Mary is the Mother of God.
- that Mary was conceived and born without sin (Immaculate Conception).
- the term “Annunciation” (cf. Glossary).
- that Mary is the Mother of the Church and of us all.
- that a saint is a person who has been officially recognized through canonization as outstanding in holiness.
- what the term “Communion of Saints” means. (The unity in Christ of all the redeemed, those on earth and those who have died. The communion of saints is professed in the Apostles’ Creed (CCC 948, 957, 960, 1474).
- that Mary, under title of “Immaculate Conception,” is Patroness of the United States.
- that in the United States we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 as a Holy Day of obligation.

ANGELS

The student will know:

- that we believe in angels.
- that the primary role of angels is that of messengers of God.
- the names of angels in scripture; e.g., Gabriel, (Gospel of Luke); Michael, (Book of Revelation); Raphael, (Book of Tobit).

**MORALITY
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COURSE GOAL:	The student will know the qualities of a morally mature person and begin to make correct moral choices in their lives.

SIN AND RECONCILIATION

Types of Sin

- The student will know that Original Sin is the basic condition or state of the world affected by sin into which every member of the human race (except Jesus and Mary) is born.

MORAL GUIDES

Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (Mt. 25:34-40)

The student will know:

- the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. (cf. Glossary)
- the Spiritual Works of Mercy. (cf. Glossary)
- ways of living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

**SACRAMENTS
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The student will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The student will understand each of the sacraments and begin to live them.

GENERAL

The student will know:

- the names of the seven sacraments.

- that ordinarily adults are baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults (RCIA) process.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION,
EUCCHARIST**

Baptism

The student will know:

- that through Baptism we are called to holiness.

- that Baptism removes Original sin and all personal sins.

- the names of their godparents and the role of the godparents and parents.

Confirmation

The student will know:

- that through Confirmation the baptized person is strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

- that the bishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Eucharist

- The student will know that when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes the life of grace in us which strengthens us to love and serve others.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING: RECONCILIATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

- The student will know the Anointing of the Sick as the sacrament through which Jesus gives comfort, strength, forgiveness and healing.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION (SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION): HOLY ORDERS AND MATRIMONY

Holy Orders

The student will know:

- that all of us have a role as priestly people in sharing Christ's work of sanctifying, teaching, and building community. (cf. CCC and Glossary)
- that Holy Orders is a call to men to share in a unique way the ministry of sanctifying, teaching, and building community.

Matrimony

The student will know:

- that Matrimony symbolizes God's love for the Church.
- the essentials of the sacrament of Matrimony: exchange of vows and rings in the presence of two witnesses.

**SCRIPTURE
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The students will deepen their understanding of scripture and begin to use scripture as a guide in their lives.

GENERAL

Sources and Nature of Scripture

the student will:

- know that the word “Bible” means “book” and that it is a holy book about God and God’s people.
- handle the Bible with reverence.

Location and Identification of Scripture Passages

- The student will be able to locate Scripture references: book, chapter, and verse.

Application of Scripture

The student will:

- recognize the Bible as the word of God speaking to us today.
- be able to apply the meaning of a Scriptural passage to present-day life.
- be able to use Scripture as a basis for prayer and reflection.

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW SCRIPTURE)

Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

- The student will be able to retell the story of the Passover.

Prophetic Books (prophets)

- The student will know meaning of the story of Ezekiel and the dry bones.

Wisdom Literature

- The student will be familiar with some of the Psalms and learn to pray them.

NEW TESTAMENT (CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE)

Some Events in the Life of Jesus

The student will:

- be able to relate the story of the calling of the twelve apostles.
- know that Jesus' Resurrection is at the core of our Catholic faith.

Some Important New Testament People

- The student will give examples from the Gospels of Mary's qualities of openness and acceptance of God's will, concern for family, and concern for others.

Some Miracles

- The student will know these miracle passages:
 - The Calming of the Storm (Mk. 4:35-41)
 - Jesus cures many people (Mt. 15:29-31)

Acts of the Apostles

- The student will know the story of the first Pentecost.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The students will understand and grow to love the liturgical year and the forms of liturgical and non-liturgical prayer.

LITURGICAL PRAYER

General

The student will know:

- Advent: beginning of the Liturgical year; four weeks of preparing for Jesus' coming.
- Christmas: Incarnation: God made flesh in Jesus.
- how Santa Claus, gift giving, stars, wreaths, etc. are connected with the real meaning of Christmas.
- Epiphany: manifestation of Jesus to the wise men and all people. (cf. Matthew 2.)
- Lent: 40-days' time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter; "Lent" means spring.
- Easter: central event of our Christian Faith because Jesus saved us by rising from the dead; highest feastday of the Church.
- Easter Time: 50 days between Easter and Pentecost, including Ascension.
- Pentecost: the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- the colors of the Liturgical Year and when these colors are used:: violet, white, green, purple, and red.
- these symbols: Advent wreath, creche, palms, ashes, Paschal candle, incense.

FORMS OF LITURGY

Parts of the Mass

Liturgy of the Word

The student will know:

- that God speaks through the Bible/Scripture in the Liturgy of the Word.
- that the Scripture that is read at Mass is taken from a special book called the Lectionary.
- that the Lectionary contains readings from the Old and New Testament and that a New Testament Gospel is always read.
- that the homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word and helps us understand the readings.
- that the Liturgy of the Word ends with the General Intercessions.

Liturgy of the Eucharist (cf. also Sacraments section, “Eucharist”)

The student will know:

- that the second part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- that the second part of the Mass prepares us to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Participation at Mass: the Role of the Assembly

The students will know:

- the following postures used at Mass: genuflecting, kneeling, standing, bowing, folding hands. (cf. Glossary “Liturgical Postures.”)
- the appropriate responses at Mass.
- that participation in singing is an expression of faith.
- the following roles: lector, cantor, gift bearer, choir member, extraordinary Eucharistic minister, cross bearer, candle bearer, acolyte (server), assembly.
- that moments of silence are opportunities for prayer and reflection.
- these articles located in the church: altar, altar cloth, candles, ambo (pulpit), tabernacle.

- these articles located in the church: crucifix, tabernacle, sanctuary light, holy water font, baptismal font.
- these articles use at Mass: Lectionary, Sacramentary, alb, chasuble, stole, chalice, cruets.

NON-LITURGICAL PRAYER

General

The student will:

- identify prayer as talking and listening to God.
- know that prayers can be said any time, any place.
- participate in individual and/or group prayer.
- demonstrate reverence while praying.
- experience various forms of prayer; e.g., contemplative, reflective, vocal, and other prayer styles.
- define and know prayers of praise, thanksgiving, petition and sorrow.

Specific Prayers

The student will know:

- the meaning of the Our Father.
- how to say the Hail Mary.
- how to say a form of Grace before and after Meals.
- and understand the Apostles' Creed. (cf. Glossary)
- and understand the Nicene Creed. (cf. Glossary)
- and understand the Rosary as a form of prayer and experience praying it.
- the mysteries of the Rosary.
- and understand the Stations of the Cross and experience praying them.