

Religion Grade Level Standards for Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Grade Level 3

Scripture/ Christian Life

- Knows in a simple way the difference between Old and New Testament
- Identifies the Gospels as a major part of the New Testament
- Tells the stories of Jesus' birth, passion, death and resurrection
- Retells the story of Jesus welcoming the children (Mk 10: 13-16)
- Retells the story of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-41)
- Retells the Emmaus Story (Lk 24: 13-35)
- Knows and simply describes what a parable is, for example, retells the parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15: 11-24)
- Knows what a miracle is, for example, retells the story of the Loaves and Fishes (Jn 6: 1-14)

Sacraments/ Worship

- Names and simply describes the Seven Sacraments
- Understands the seven sacraments as a celebration of God's love
- Experiences reconciliation (sacramental and/or non-sacramental)
- Prays daily
- Prays prayers of petition, blessings, sorrow and the Psalms
- Prays and understands the Apostle's Creed
- Participates regularly in Sunday Eucharist, which is the source and summit of the Christian life
- Knows the difference between Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Describes the sacraments found in a Church worship space
- Explains the major seasons of the Liturgical Year
- Celebrates the Holy Days of the Church year

- Experiences activities related to the Liturgical Seasons and Feasts (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time)
- Celebrates rituals and activities that express Christian belief, for example, The Jesse Tree, The Stations of the Cross, Blessing with Holy Water

Morality/ Social Justice

- Knows and lives the Two Great Commandments
- Knows that the Eucharist expresses God's love for us and calls us to service
- Tells the difference between temptation, accident and sin
- Describes how sin hurts the whole community
- Gives examples of how to work for justice and peace
- Practices stewardship in parish, community and world

Christian Faith and Practice

- Describes God the Father as Creator; God the Son as Savior; God the Spirit as Gift and Help
- Describes Jesus' mission as bringing about the Kingdom of God
- Defines the word Creed
- Names the four marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic, apostolic
- Identifies the Pope and Bishops as leaders of the Catholic Church
- Tells who Jesus' apostles were
- Tells the stories of five saints
- Describes the qualities of a saint
- Understands Mary as the mother of Jesus and our mother
- Identifies and becomes familiar with ways to serve the faith community (e.g. altar servers)