

Religion Grade Level Standards for Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Grade Level 2

Scripture/ Christian Life

- Knows that God speaks to us through the Bible, especially in the Liturgy of the Word
- Begins to understand the difference between the Old and New Testament
- Understands that the Bible is a revelation of God's love for people
- Is familiar with and can articulate in a simple way the meaning of major themes and stories from the New Testament

Examples include:

- Nativity (Lk 2: 8-18)
- Call of the first Disciples (Mt 22: 18-22)
- Love of God and others (Mt 22: 37, 39)
- Prodigal Son (Lk 15: 11-24)
- Loaves and Fishes (Jn 6: 1-13)
- The Last Supper ((Mt 26: 17-26; Jn 17: 1-26; Lk 22: 13-20)
- Washing of the Feet (Jn 13: 1-17)
- Crucifixion (Mt 27: 33-37)
- Easter (Jn 20: 1-20; Lk 24: 13-35)

Sacraments/ Worship

- Recognizes the presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- Prepares to receive First Communion and First Reconciliation
- Understands reconciliation as forgiveness and healing
- Understands that through Baptism we are called to share in the Church's mission
- Prays the Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Contrition

- Experiences different forms of prayer (thanksgiving, spontaneous, praise, Petition)
- Participates in the recitation of the Rosary
- Gathers regularly with God's family at Mass to worship
- Experiences liturgical rituals and gestures
- Recognizes Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist as parts of the Mass
- Names the liturgical seasons of the Church Year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time)
- Celebrates rituals and activities which express our Christian beliefs, for example: the Advent Calendar, Easter symbols
- Recognizes the items found in a Church worship space (altar, ambo, baptismal font/ pool)

Morality/ Social Justice

- Acts as Jesus would act by being loving, kind, forgiving and helpful at home, school, Church, and in the community and can give examples of these
- Describes sin as refusing to love God, self, or others
- Explains and understands that one's actions have consequences
- Acts as a peacemaker
- Learns to take care of God's creation
- Begins to understand ways in which individuals are called to be in God's service
- Participates in age-appropriate service projects, including those that promote Mission awareness and care for God's creation

Christian Faith and Practice

- Names the three persons of the Trinity
- Recognizes Mary as Jesus' mother
- Tells how the church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ

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- Talks about the ways the Church tries to do the things Jesus did
- Knows that Baptism is a sacrament of initiation into the Church
- Knows and celebrates one's own Baptism
- Understands saints as those who show us how to follow Jesus
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