

# RELIGION

## LEVEL 3

**STANDARD 1: CREED - Students will demonstrate understanding of core Catholic beliefs.**

### OBJECTIVES:

1. Discover that God speaks through the Bible and the Church.
2. Reflect on the meaning that God is holy and everlasting.
3. Summarize how God is present in creation and how all creation reveals the beauty of the Creator.
4. Discuss that Mary is the Mother of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. Retell that God sent his only son to save all people from sin.
6. Explain the Paschal Mystery – life/death/resurrection/ascension of Jesus.
7. Reflect that through faith and baptism they join with Jesus and the Church and share in the mission of the church.

**STANDARD 2: WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS - Students will demonstrate understanding and practice of Catholic worship and sacraments with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of Catholics.**

### OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand that we celebrate God's love in the sacraments.
2. Explain the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation.
3. Explain the healing sacraments: Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick.
4. Explain the sacraments of service: Matrimony, Holy Orders.
5. Understand the Church year, Paschal Mystery, Easter Triduum, Ordinary Time.

**STANDARD 3: MORALITY - Students will understand right from wrong and be able to make good moral choices in life decisions that are consistent with Church teachings and a Christian life style.**

### OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand they are children of God through words and actions.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of examination of conscience.
3. Explain the difference between a sin, an accident and a mistake.
4. Demonstrate how to express sorrow.
5. Understand that God will forgive them.
6. Understand the relationship between actions and consequences.

**STANDARD 4: SOCIAL JUSTICE - Students will demonstrate understanding of Catholic social teaching and apply these principles to social and personal situations.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Demonstrate respect for all creation.
2. Demonstrate the dignity of the human person in work and play.
3. Appreciate the diverse roles of members in a community.
4. Explain good versus poor working conditions.
5. Explain conscience.

**STANDARD 5: CORE SCRIPTURE - Students will read, interpret, and apply Scripture to their own daily life situation.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Retell and explain stories of Jesus, especially the Wedding feast of Cana, Pharisee and tax collector.
2. Reverence and understand that the Bible is a special holy book, the Word of God.
3. Introduce sections of the Bible: Pentateuch, Historical, Wisdom, Prophets, Gospels, Epistles, etc.
4. Memorize appropriate scripture passages that are appropriate for what is being learned.

**STANDARD 6: FAMILY LIFE - Students will demonstrate their understanding of Christian family life and how it is nourished and passed on.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Understand that all life is a gift from God.
2. Understand that human families are unique and different than animal families.
3. Understand that God created people to think, wonder and choose.
4. Understand and demonstrate that Jesus wants people to care for themselves and all others.
5. Understand that plants and animals should be respected as God's creation; plants reproduce through pollination; animals reproduce through fertilization.
6. Understand that through the love of mothers and fathers, humans share in God's gift of procreation.
7. Understand and demonstrate that everyone has a responsibility to care for the Earth, all living things and all people.

**STANDARD 7: LITURGICAL YEAR - Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Liturgical year and how it is celebrated.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Understand seasons of Advent and Christmas and how they are celebrated.

2. Understand seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter and how they are celebrated.

**STANDARD 8: CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND PRACTICE** - Students will be able to demonstrate, understand, use and identify traditional prayer forms in the Catholic tradition.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Experience and identify prayer forms of thanksgiving, praise, forgiveness and petition.
2. Experience and understand individual and communal prayer.
3. Know Jesus as our model of prayer.
4. Understand the meaning of the command to “Pray always.”
5. Understands and uses prayers taught on list in “Continuum of Prayers Taught.”

**STANDARD 9: VOCABULARY** - Students will be able to demonstrate understanding and use of religious vocabulary.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Refer to “Vocabulary to be Taught” and the Glossary.

**STANDARD 10: VOCATION – LIFE STYLES** - Students will demonstrate their understanding of different vocations and life styles to prepare them to respond to their own call.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Understand our individual gifts and share them with others.
2. Identify the needs of the community and reach out to others.
3. Identify the needs of the world and ways we can help.
4. Identify and describe those who have service jobs in our community: health care providers, police, fire department, teachers, priests and ministers, etc.
5. Understand the special ministry of clergy and religious leaders.
6. Understand that each of us is called by God to a special vocation in life.

**STANDARD 11: SERVICE** - Students will engage in service to the community (family, parish, local, national, and global) by action and reflection on our response to the Gospel call.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Understand that we are all united in Christ and the need to care for all God’s people.
2. Explain how they can put the Corporal Works of Mercy into action.
3. Actively participate in service projects.

**STANDARD 12: SAINTS** - Students will explore the lives of the saints in order to expand their role models for Christian living.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Celebrate and understand feasts of Mary especially Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/12).
2. Celebrate and understand the feasts of Our Lord especially Presentation of the Lord.
3. Celebrate and understand the life and feast of canonized saints:
  - a. Peter (2/22)
  - b. James and Philip (4/3)
  - c. John, the evangelist (12/27)
  - d. Thomas, apostle (7/13)
  - e. Elizabeth Seton (1/4)
  - f. Frances Cabrini (11/13)
4. Celebrate and understand the life of modern day saints:  
Pope John Paul VI

**STANDARD 13: CHURCH HISTORY** – Students will understand and explore the development and history of the Church.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Discuss the lineage and role of the Pope, beginning with Peter.
2. Discuss and understand the Diocesan structure
3. Discuss and understand the Parish structure.

**STANDARD 14: STEWARDSHIP** – Students will demonstrate an understanding of Catholic stewardship and apply the knowledge by sharing their time, talent and treasure.

1. Understand the core of stewardship as gratitude through actions.
2. God's gift of life each day is a sign that He has a mission for us that day.
3. Each person is given many gifts both spiritual and temporal
4. Not everyone has the same gifts and talents. Gifts and talents need to be shared
5. We are God's instruments – God works through each of us to make his message known
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.