

**ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
CATAHOULA, LOUISIANA
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
GENERAL CURRICULUM**

The students should know the following prayers and concepts by the end of:

GRADE K: THEME: GOD ASKS US TO CARE

- ✚ Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is Mary?
- ✚ The Sign of the Cross and the Lord's Prayer
- ✚ Who made us?
- ✚ The difference between Heaven and Hell
- ✚ What is the Mass? Why do we attend and participate?
- ✚ What is the Bible?
- ✚ Who is the Priest? Why is he in the Parish?
- ✚ How to genuflect on the right knee before entering a pew

GRADE 1: THEME: MEETING JESUS AND HIS FATHER

- ✚ The Hail Mary, the Glory Be, Blessing Before and After Meals
- ✚ Beginning of the Apostles' Creed
- ✚ What is sin? What are the kinds of sins?
- ✚ What are the Ten Commandments?
- ✚ What is the story of Adam and Eve?
- ✚ What are Angels? (Good and Bad)
- ✚ What are the parts of the Mass?
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life

GRADE 2: THEME: MEETING JESUS IN RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

- ✚ Continue the Apostles' Creed, the Act of Contrition, and Angel of God Prayer
- ✚ What is Confession? What is the Holy Eucharist? What is a Penance?
- ✚ Mass Responses
- ✚ Two main parts of the Mass
- ✚ Two main parts of the Bible
- ✚ What is the definition of forgiveness?
- ✚ Continue discussing the Ten Commandments
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life
- ✚ Regular attendance at Mass and asking for forgiveness
- ✚ How to make a good, prayerful confession

GRADE 3: THEME: BELIEVING IN JESUS AND OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

- ✚ How to pray the Rosary, The Hail Holy Queen, and Prayer to St. Michael
- ✚ What is the Trinity?
- ✚ What is the Great Commandment?
- ✚ What are the Sacraments?
- ✚ Discussion of the Pope, Cardinals, and Bishops
- ✚ Applying the Apostles' Creed
- ✚ Who are the disciples and apostles?
- ✚ What are saints?
- ✚ Locate Bible passages by book, chapter, and verse
- ✚ Introduce Liturgical Year
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life, regular attendance at Mass, and regular use of the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession)

GRADE 4: THEME: LIVING AS JESUS' FOLLOWERS

- ✚ Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Love, and Hail Holy Queen
- ✚ Further discussion of the Ten Commandments and Sin
- ✚ What are the Holy Days of Obligation and their meaning?
- ✚ What are the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy?
- ✚ What are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?
- ✚ Discuss the events of the birth of Jesus Christ
- ✚ More detailed discussion of the Sacraments
- ✚ What are indulgences?
- ✚ How to recite a complete Rosary
- ✚ What are the teachings regarding your Easter Duty?
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life, regular attendance at Mass, regular use of the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession), and praying the Rosary

GRADE 5: THEME: CELEBRATING JESUS' PRESENCE

- ✚ The Morning Offering Prayer, The Angelus, and Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- ✚ Discuss the life of Jesus
- ✚ What is the Blessed Sacrament?
- ✚ Overview of the books of the Old Testament
- ✚ What are Sacraments and Sacramentals?
- ✚ What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirits?
- ✚ Know the Order of the Mass
- ✚ What are the teachings regarding your Easter Duty requirements?
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life, regular attendance at Mass, regular use of the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession), praying the Rosary, and visiting the Blessed Sacrament

GRADE 6: THEME: DISCOVERING THE STORY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- ✚ How to recite a complete Rosary
- ✚ Overview of the books of the Old Testament
- ✚ What are the Beatitudes
- ✚ Detailed discussion of The Way of the Cross
- ✚ What is the Holy Spirit?
- ✚ What is the Church's teaching about the Blessed Trinity?
- ✚ What are the traditions of the Church?
- ✚ Review the requirements for the yearly Easter Duty
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life, regular attendance at Mass, regular use of the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession), praying the Rosary, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and attending The Way of the Cross services

GRADE 7: THEME: ENCOUNTERING JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

- ✚ Different forms of prayer
- ✚ Detailed discussion of each Sacrament, sin, and the Ten Commandments
- ✚ Discussion of the four Gospels and overview of the New Testament Books
- ✚ Review of your Easter Duty requirements
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life, regular attendance at Mass, regular use of the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession), praying the different Mysteries of the Rosary, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and attending the Way of the Cross services

GRADES 8 and 9: THEME: BELONGING TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

- ✚ What is the history of the Church?
- ✚ Theological and Cardinal Virtues
- ✚ Precepts of the Church
- ✚ Days of Fasting and Abstinence
- ✚ What is Ecumenism?
- ✚ Interreligious Dialogue
- ✚ Review the requirements for the yearly Easter Duty
- ✚ How to complete an examination of conscience
- ✚ Encourage the development of a prayer life, regular attendance at Mass, regular use of the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation (Confession), praying the Rosary, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and attending the Way of the Cross services

GRADES 10-11: THEME: RECEIVING THE GIFTS

- ✚ Detailed discussion of Confirmation
- ✚ Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation
- ✚ Participate in the sacraments
- ✚ Committed to service – for the Church, community, and to other students