

GRADE THREE

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Jesus continues his life and work through His Church.*

CREED

- ◆ The church was founded by Jesus when He sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.
 - ✦ The Church is ONE – united in its belief in Jesus Christ, the sacraments of grace and commitment to service.
 - ✦ The Church is HOLY – based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospels.
 - ✦ The Church is CATHOLIC – open to all people.
 - ✦ The Church is APOSTOLIC – faithful to the teachings of the Apostles in spreading the faith of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The Bible is the story of God's love for us which teaches us to live as God's people, the Church.
- ◆ Teachings of the Gospels develop the idea of holiness in the Church and for individuals.
- ◆ The Church is committed to being faithful to the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ Through the Sacraments we share God's life and love in the community of the Church.
- ◆ We learn the different kinds of prayer: adoration, thanksgiving, forgiveness and asking.
- ◆ We learn the creed which is a statement of our Church's common beliefs.
- ◆ We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who holds a special place in the Church as Mother of God and the greatest of all the disciples of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ Jesus shares his mission with his disciples. We live out the Good News of Jesus as members of the Church by working for justice and peace.
- ◆ Jesus calls his followers to be united. The Church works for Christian unity.
- ◆ We belong to the Communion of Saints. God calls us to be saints.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

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Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 2.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth. *Amen.*