

Grade 4: Creed

Parish Catechetical Programs

Creed: What we believe...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(4.1.1 NT) ... define the Holy Trinity as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They will explain how the Trinity is always with us.

Examples: Sign of the Cross, Words of Baptism, Call on the Holy Trinity in prayer, Holy Trinity songs and hymns, CCC 234

(4.1.2 OT) ... identify that God is the giver of all life, and all that God creates is good through the Genesis story of creation.

Examples: Creation story from Genesis, family is good, CCC 279-280, 286-289

(4.1.3 NT) ... recognize Mary's role within the Church as the Mother of God.

Examples: Rosary and Memorare prayers, Immaculate Conception, Gospel Canticle of Mary, Beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, CCC 495, 829, 2677

(4.1.4 NT) ... recognize Jesus came to bring God's forgiveness to everyone.

Examples: Our Father prayer, Beatitudes, Sacrament of Reconciliation; Nicene Creed, Matthew 18 "seventy times seven times", CCC 312, 457-458

(4.1.5 CH) ... explain that Mary and the saints offer us examples of good Christian lives and act as intercessors for us.

Examples: Nicene Creed, Beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Lives of the Saints, Communion of Saints; Rosary, Marian Feasts, Personal prayer, Saints feast days, All Saints and All Souls Days, CCC 829, 956, 2030

(4.1.6 CH) ... explain that God created different personalities, races, and nationalities and explain why these are all good for the whole human family.

Examples: Saint stories, Lives of the Saints, Isaiah 60:3; Liturgies from different countries, CCC 374, 361, 1939, 1934-1935

(4.1.7 CH) ... explain that God created man and woman to exist in a family and to form a family in unitive and procreative love in the sacrament of holy matrimony.

Examples: Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 2331-2336, 1601-1605

(4.1.8 OT, CH) ... recognize the meaning of Genesis 2:18: It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper fit for him." God created both man and woman to live in communion with one another and God.

Examples: Genesis 2, CCC 371-372, TOB 9:2

(4.1.9 OT, NT, CH) ... explain that man is created in God's image through a communion of persons, the Holy Trinity.

Examples: Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 355-357, TOB 9:3, 14:6

Grade 4: Sacraments

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Sacraments: How we celebrate and worship...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(4.2.1 NT) ... explain how the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and that it is essential to the life and mission of the Catholic Church

Examples: Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Proclaiming God's Word in Liturgies, Adoration/Exposition/Benediction, Stewardship, CCC 1324-1327

(4.2.2 NT) ... identify that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we receive God's grace and forgiveness and that Christian life is a journey of conversion.

Examples: The Sacrament of Reconciliation, The 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, CCC 1440-1445

(4.2.3 NT) ... recognize the Marian feasts and other feast days of Saints.

Examples: The Rosary, Communion of Saints, Liturgical calendar, Immaculate Conception, Mary, Mother of God, Assumption, Annunciation, Guadalupe, Fatima, Lourdes, Patron Saints of parish or school, Holy days of obligation/Solemnities, CCC 484, 490, 966, 495, 490-493, 956

(4.2.4 NT) ... recognize that the Sacrament of Holy Orders for men is a participation in the love of the Divine Bridegroom – Christ, for the love of His Bride, the Church.

Examples: The Sacrament of Holy Orders, Priesthood, Deacons, Bishops, CCC 1536, 772-773

(4.2.5 NT) ... recognize that the Sacrament of Matrimony is a covenant between one man and one woman, sealed by God, a partnership between man and woman for life.

Examples: The Sacrament of Matrimony, CCC 1601-1602

(4.2.6 NT) ... recognize that as the Church, the body of Christ, we celebrate the Eucharist which nourishes communion with one another and Jesus.

Examples: The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Parts of the Mass, Priesthood, Religious, Laity, CCC 2427-2428, TOB 99:1

Grade 4: Morality

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Morality: How we are to live as disciples of Jesus...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(4.3.1 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize that when we sin it hurts our relationship with God, others, and ourselves.

Examples: Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Sacrament of Reconciliation, CCC 403, 980

(4.3.2 OT, NT, CH) ... identify ways that they can live out the Great Commandment.

Examples: Holy Bible, The Great Commandment, 10 Commandments, The Beatitudes, Mt. 25:31-46, Individual and communal prayer, love of God and neighbor, CCC 2052, 2055

(4.3.3 OT, NT, CH) ... list ways they can practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy – knowing that when we show love for the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized we show love to Jesus.

Examples: Holy Bible, Mt. 25:31-46, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, “Least of these ...”, Ministry of Charity, Catholic Charities, Catholic Cemeteries, CCC 2443-2447

(4.3.4 OT, NT, CH) ... explain the first three commandments teach us about loving God and last seven teach us about loving others.

Examples: Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Our Father, Hail Mary, CCC 2066-2067

(4.3.5 NT, CH) ... recognize and recite the three Theological Virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity (Love), help us to live good lives.

Examples: Theological Virtues, CCC 1812-1829

(4.3.6 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize and respect the inherent differences between men and women and their bodies, created in God's image.

Examples: Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 369-373

(4.3.7 CH) ... define venial and mortal sins.

Examples: Cheating on a test is a venial sin, skipping Mass on Sunday for no good reason is a mortal sin, 10 Commandments, Confession, Examination of Conscience, CCC 1854-1864, 1452, 1456, 1458

(4.3.8 CH) ... connect how virtues (which have to do with man's inner life) are expressed through the body.

Examples: 10 Commandments, Theological virtues, Cardinal virtues, CCC 2516, 2520-2524, TOB 51:5-6, 53:4, 54:2-55:7

(4.3.9 OT, NT, CH) ... compare Adam's joy at the creation of Eve to his response to the creation of the animals.

Examples: Genesis 1 and 2, Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, CCC 371, TOB 10:1

Grade 4: Prayer

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Prayer: What prayer is and how we pray...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(4.4.1 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize that through prayer we as Christians are called to be thankful for the gifts we have been given.

Examples: Prayer before Meals, Prayer after Meals, Guardian Angel, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Parts of the Mass, Our Father, Psalms, Stewardship, CCC 2637-2638, 224, 1328

(4.4.2 NT, CH) ... identify the essential elements of the Stations of the Cross.

Examples: Stations of the Cross, Lent, Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, Devotions, Sacramentals, CCC 1667-1676

(4.4.3 OT, NT, CH) ... write a prayer on their own about a Catholic theme or doctrine, Liturgical Season, Saint, Thanksgiving, Petition.

Examples: Write one prayer per quarter kept in prayer journal; Liturgical Year, Church doctrines, Saints, Adoration time, CCC 2663-2691

(4.4.4 NT, CH) ... participate in the Rosary and learn the order and prayers.

Examples: Rosary prayers and order, CCC 971, 2708

(4.4.5 NT, CH) ... recognize the importance of having a prayer plan, and to make a daily/weekly prayer plan.

Examples: Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration, Individual Prayer, Communal Prayer, CCC 1166-1167, 1174-1178, 2559

(4.4.6 NT, CH) ... identify ways where God is, or was, present in their own life.

Examples: Personal prayer, CCC 356-357, TOB 65:5

