

- God gives us many gifts
 - Introduce God made all things
 - Introduce God gave us light
 - Introduce God gives us water
 - Introduce God made the animals
 - Introduce The Church Year
 - Introduce Ordinary Time
- God is our Creator
 - Introduce God made all people
 - Introduce God made us
 - Introduce God helps us to discover
 - Introduce We learn about God with our families
 - Introduce We learn about God with our friends
- Introduce Advent
- Introduce Christmas
- Jesus shows us God's love
 - Introduce God chooses Mary
 - Introduce God the Father gives us Jesus
 - Introduce Jesus grew up in Nazareth
 - Introduce Jesus teaches and helps us
 - Introduce Jesus wants us to love
- Introduce Lent
 - Introduce The Three Days
- Jesus wants us to share God's love
 - Introduce We belong to the Church
 - Introduce We pray as Jesus did
 - Introduce We celebrate Jesus's gift of Himself
 - Introduce We care about others as Jesus did
 - Introduce We celebrate that Jesus is our friend
- Introduce Easter
 - Introduce Sharing Faith in class and at home
 - Introduce that the Bible is the book of God's Word.
- Introduce Vocabulary: angel
- Prayers
 - Introduce the Lord's Prayer
 - Introduce the Sign of the Cross
 - Introduce the Hail Mary
 - Introduce Glory Be to the Father
 - Introduce Grace before meals (2 prayers)

- God Is Our Father
 - Reinforce God created the world.
 - Reinforce God created all people.
 - Reinforce God gives us special gifts.
 - Reinforce God promises to love us always.
- We Believe in the Blessed Trinity
 - Reinforce God sent his own Son, Jesus, to us.
 - Reinforce Jesus is God's greatest gift.
 - Introduce We believe that there are three Persons in one God.
 - Reinforce The Sign of the Cross is a prayer to the Blessed Trinity.
- Jesus Grew Up in a Family
 - Reinforce God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son.
 - Reinforce Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
 - Reinforce Jesus lived in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph.
 - Reinforce The Holy Family obeyed God the Father and prayed to Him.
- Jesus Works Among the People
 - Introduce John the Baptist helped people to get ready for Jesus.
 - Reinforce Jesus shared God's love with all people.
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches that God watches over us and cares for us.
 - Reinforce Jesus helped all those in need.
- Jesus Teaches Us About Love
 - Reinforce Many people wanted to follow Jesus.
 - Introduce Jesus taught the Great Commandment.
 - Reinforce Jesus taught us to love God, ourselves, and others.
 - Reinforce Jesus taught us that all people are our neighbors.
- The Church Year
 - Reinforce The Church praises Jesus all year long.
 - Introduce the Church Year helps us to follow Jesus.
- Ordinary Time
 - Reinforce The Church celebrates the life and teachings of Jesus.
 - Introduce that in Ordinary Time, we celebrate Jesus Christ and learn to follow him.
- Jesus Had Many Followers
 - Reinforce Jesus invited people to be his followers.
 - Reinforce Jesus's followers believed that he was the Son of God.
 - Reinforce Jesus showed his followers how to pray.
 - Reinforce We pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Jesus Died and Rose to New Life
 - Reinforce Jesus told his followers that he loved and cared for them.
 - Reinforce Many people gathered to welcome and praise Jesus.
 - Reinforce Jesus taught in the Temple in Jerusalem.
 - Reinforce Jesus died and rose.

- Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit
 - Introduce The risen Jesus visited his followers.
 - Introduce Jesus Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would come to his followers.
 - Introduce The Holy Spirit was sent to Jesus's followers.
 - Introduce The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit Helps the Church to Grow
 - Introduce The Church began on Pentecost.
 - Introduce The first members of the Church did many things together.
 - Introduce The Holy Spirit helped the Church to grow.
 - Introduce The Holy Spirit helps the Church today.
- The Church Serves
 - Introduce The apostles led and cared for the Church.
 - Introduce The bishops lead and care for the Church
 - Introduce The pope leads and cares for the whole Church.
 - Introduce The Church serves others.
 - Introduce The Pope is the leader of the Church.
 - Introduce The Bishops lead and serve the Church.
 - Introduce Bishops, priests, and deacons serve the Church.
- Advent
 - Reinforce The Church has a special time of waiting.
- Christmas
 - Reinforce At Christmas the Church celebrates the birth of Jesus.
- We Belong to a parish
 - Reinforce Our parish is like a family.
 - Reinforce We gather together to worship.
 - Reinforce We work together as a parish.
 - Reinforce Our parish helps many people.
- We Celebrate the Sacraments
 - Introduce Jesus celebrated God's love.
 - Introduce We celebrate God's love.
 - Introduce Jesus gave us the sacraments.
 - Introduce The Church celebrates seven sacraments.
 - Introduce We tell God we are sorry for our sins
 - Introduce The parish community participates in the celebration of Baptism
- The Church Welcomes New Members
 - Reinforce The Church welcome new members at Baptism.
 - Reinforce At Baptism we receive God's life.
 - Reinforce We say and do special things to celebrate Baptism.
 - Reinforce In Baptism we are joined to Jesus and one another.
- We Are Followers of Jesus
 - Reinforce Jesus is the Light of the World.
 - Reinforce We receive the light of Christ.
 - Reinforce Jesus asks us to share his peace.
 - Reinforce We can make choices as children of God.

- We Celebrate God's Forgiveness
 - Reinforce Jesus told us about God's forgiveness.
 - Reinforce God is always ready to forgive us.
 - Reinforce We celebrate God's forgiveness.
 - Reinforce Jesus asks us to forgive others.
 - Introduce We are reconciled with the Church
- Lent
 - Reinforce The Church gets ready to celebrate Jesus' death and Resurrection.
- The Three Days
 - Reinforce The Church celebrates that Jesus died and rose to new life.
- Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist
 - Introduce Jesus shared a special meal with his followers.
 - Introduce We celebrate what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper.
 - Introduce We celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist.
 - Introduce We join with our parish for the celebration of Mass.
 - Introduce During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we pray the great prayer of thanksgiving and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
- We Celebrate the Mass
 - Reinforce We gather to worship God.
 - Reinforce We listen to God's word.
 - Reinforce Our gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.
 - Reinforce We grow closer to Jesus and one another.
- We Share God's Love
 - Reinforce Jesus shows us how to love and serve.
 - Reinforce When we pray, we show God that we love him.
 - Reinforce We share God's love with our families.
 - Reinforce We share God's love with others.
 - Reinforce The Bible is the book of God's Word.
 - Introduce Jesus wants us to listen to his teachings.
- We Honor Mary and the Saints
 - Reinforce Mary is the mother of Jesus.
 - Reinforce The Church honors Mary.
 - Reinforce The saints are close to God.
 - Reinforce We honor all the saints of the Church.
- We Care for the Gifts of God's Creation
 - Reinforce The world is God's gift to us.
 - Reinforce Animals are part of God's creation.
 - Reinforce We are all important to God.
 - Reinforce We care for and respect all people.
- Easter
 - Reinforce The Church celebrates that Jesus rose to new life.
- Introduce Vocabulary: angel
- Prayers:
 - Reinforce Sign of the Cross

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- Reinforce The Lord's Prayer
- Reinforce Hail Mary
- Reinforce Glory to the Father
- Reinforce Grace Before Meals (2 prayers)
- Introduce that there are seven sacraments: *Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Holy Orders, Matrimony*, and Anointing of the Sick.
- Introduce that there are Ten Commandments.

- Jesus Christ is With Us Always
 - Jesus is the Son of God
 - Reinforce God the Father sent his son, Jesus, to be with us.
 - Reinforce Jesus is human like us.
 - Reinforce Jesus did things only God can do.
 - Reinforce Jesus, the Son of God, taught us about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus Christ Gives Us the Church
 - Reinforce Jesus gathered many followers to be his disciples.
 - Reinforce Jesus died and rose to new life.
 - Reinforce Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.
 - Reinforce The Holy Spirit helps the Church to grow.
 - We Celebrate God's Love
 - Reinforce We belong to the Catholic Church.
 - Reinforce Catholics celebrate with seven special signs called sacraments.
 - Reinforce Jesus is present with us in the sacraments.
 - We Celebrate Baptism
 - Introduce God's covenant with Noah symbolizes how we are saved through Baptism
 - Reinforce At Baptism we become children of God and members of the Church.
 - Reinforce At Baptism we receive grace, a share in God's life.
 - Reinforce We celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with special words and actions.
 - Reinforce We can show that we are children of God by what we say and do.
 - Reinforce The parish community participates in the celebration of Baptism
 - The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick
 - The Church celebrates the Anointing of the Sick.
 - We Celebrate Confirmation
 - Introduce We celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation.
 - Introduce Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens us.
 - Introduce We celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with special words and actions.
 - Introduce The Holy Spirit helps baptized Catholics and confirmed Catholics.
 - Matrimony: A Promise of Faithfulness and Love
 - Introduce In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a man and woman promise to always love and be true to each other.

- The Church Year
 - Reinforce The Church Year helps us to follow Jesus.
- Ordinary Time
 - Reinforce In Ordinary Time, we celebrate Jesus Christ and learn to follow him.
- Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation
 - We Learn About God's Love
 - Reinforce The Bible is the book of God's word.
 - Introduce The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible.
 - Introduce The New Testament is the second part of the Bible.
 - Reinforce Jesus wants us to listen to his teachings.
 - Introduce Vocabulary: gospel, prophet, savior
 - God Gives Us Laws
 - Reinforce Jesus taught us the Great Commandment.
 - Reinforce The Ten Commandments help us to live as God's children.
 - Reinforce God wants us to show him our love and respect.
 - Reinforce God wants us to show that we love others as we love ourselves.
 - We Follow God's Laws
 - Reinforce Jesus wants us to follow the commandments.
 - Introduce God gives each person free will.
 - Introduce Friendship with God is hurt by sin.
 - Reinforce Jesus taught us about God's forgiveness.
 - We Prepare for the Sacrament of Forgiveness
 - Reinforce Jesus invites us to celebrate God's forgiveness.
 - Reinforce Jesus shares God's forgiveness and peace in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.
 - Introduce We examine our conscience.
 - Introduce sin
 - Reinforce We tell God we are sorry for our sins.
 - Reinforce We are reconciled with the Church.
 - Introduce Conscience is the ability we develop, with guidance, to judge whether something is right or wrong.
 - We Celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness
 - Reinforce We ask for God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
 - Reinforce We celebrate God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
 - Reinforce We celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with our parish community.
 - Reinforce Jesus wants us to forgive others.
 - Introduce The sacrament of Reconciliation strengthens our relationship with God and others

- Reinforce In the sacrament of Reconciliation we trust in God's mercy.
- Advent
 - Reinforce Advent is a season of waiting and preparing.
- Christmas
 - Reinforce Christmas is a season to give glory to God.
- Jesus Gives Himself in the Eucharist
 - Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist
 - Reinforce Jesus brings us life.
 - Reinforce Jesus celebrated a special meal with his disciples.
 - Reinforce In the Eucharist we remember and celebrate what Jesus did at the Last Supper.
 - Introduce The Mass is a meal and a sacrifice.
 - We Gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist
 - Reinforce We are united with Jesus Christ and to one another.
 - Reinforce The Church celebrates the Mass.
 - Reinforce The parish gathers for the celebration of Mass.
 - Introduce when Mass begins, we praise God and ask for his forgiveness.
 - Reinforce During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we pray the great prayer of thanksgiving and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
 - We Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word
 - Introduce We listen to God's word during the Liturgy of the Word.
 - Introduce We listen and respond to readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 - Introduce We listen as the gospel is proclaimed.
 - Introduce together we pray the Creed and the general intercessions.
 - We Celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist
 - Introduce We bring forward the gifts of bread and wine.
 - Introduce the Eucharistic prayer is the great prayer of thanks and praise.
 - Introduce We pray the Our Father and ask God for forgiveness and peace.
 - Introduce We receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion
 - Introduce First Communion CCD are taken by Grade 2 students.
 - We Go in Peace to Share God's Love
 - Introduce We are sent to share God's love with others.
 - Introduce Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament.
 - Introduce Jesus is with the Church as we share God's love.
 - Introduce Jesus is with us as we share his peace with others.
 - Lent
 - Reinforce Lent is the season of preparing.
 - The Three Days
 - Reinforce The Three days celebrate the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

- We Live Our Catholic Faith
 - God Calls Us to Love and Serve
 - Introduce We are called by God.
 - Introduce Married people and single people are called by God.
 - Introduce Priests are called by God.
 - Introduce Religious sisters and brothers are called by God.
 - The Church Lives Today
 - Reinforce Catholics belong to parish communities.
 - Reinforce Bishops lead and serve the Church.
 - Reinforce The Pope is the leader of the Church.
 - Reinforce The Church is in every part of the world.
 - Reinforce Bishops, priests, and deacons serve the Church in different ways.
 - We Pray
 - Reinforce Prayer keeps us close to God.
 - Reinforce Jesus prayed to God his Father.
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches us to pray.
 - Reinforce We pray as Jesus did.
 - We Honor Mary and the Saints
 - Reinforce The Church honors the saints.
 - Reinforce The Church honors Mary.
 - Reinforce We honor Mary with special prayers.
 - Reinforce We honor Mary on special days.
 - We Show Love and Respect
 - Reinforce We live in God's love.
 - Reinforce Jesus taught us to love others.
 - Reinforce We love and respect others.
 - Reinforce We respect God's creation.
 - Easter
 - Reinforce Easter is a season to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.
 - Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
 - Reinforce Persons need to love themselves in order to love God and other persons.
- Justice/Morality:
 - Persons need to love themselves in order to love God and other people
- Bible:
 - Introduce Covenant, a major theme of the Old Testament, refers to a loving and faithful relationship between God and God's people.
- Creation
 - Introduce God and His People had a covenant
- Prayers
 - Master Sign of the Cross
 - Master Our Father
 - Master Hail Mary
 - Master Glory Be

- Introduce An Act of Contrition

- Jesus Gives Us the Church
 - God sends us his own Son
 - Reinforce God the Son became one of us
 - Reinforce Jesus grew up in Nazareth
 - Reinforce Jesus begins his work
 - Reinforce Jesus shows us how to live as his followers
 - Jesus teaches us about God's love
 - Reinforce Jesus tells us how much God loves us
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches about the gift of faith
 - Reinforce Jesus dies and rises to save us
 - Christ will come again
 - Reinforce Jesus has power over life and death
 - Reinforce Jesus will come again
 - Reinforce When Jesus Christ comes again, he will judge all people
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches us to love others
 - The Church begins
 - Reinforce Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit
 - Reinforce The Holy Spirit comes to the disciples
 - Reinforce The Church begins on Pentecost
 - Reinforce The early church grows
 - We learn about the Early Church
 - Introduce the apostles led the Church
 - Introduce the disciples of Jesus share the Good News
 - Introduce the followers of Jesus stood up for their faith
 - Introduce many of our ancestors in faith are examples of holiness
 - The Church Year
 - Reinforce The Church year celebrates Jesus
 - Ordinary Time
 - Reinforce in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ
 - The Church has Four Marks
 - Introduce Jesus chose the apostles to lead the Church
 - Introduce the Pope and bishops are the successors of the apostles
 - Introduce the Church is one and holy
 - Introduce the Church is catholic and apostolic
 - The Church Teaches Us
 - Reinforce the Church is the Body of Christ and the people of God
 - Reinforce we profess our faith through the Apostle's Creed
 - Reinforce the Holy Spirit guides the Church
 - Reinforce the Church continues to teach the true message of Jesus
 - The Church Prays
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches his followers how to pray

- Reinforce we can pray with others or by ourselves
- Reinforce there are different kinds of prayers
- Reinforce the Church prays at all times
- The Parish is our home
 - Reinforce we belong to a parish
 - Reinforce many people serve our parish
 - Reinforce our parish worships together
 - Reinforce our parish cares for others
 - Introduce Vocabulary: vocation
- God calls us to holiness
 - Reinforce God call each of us
 - Reinforce God calls everyone to be holy
 - Reinforce God calls some men to be priests
 - Reinforce God calls some people to religious life
- Advent
 - Reinforce the season of Advent helps us prepare for the coming of the Son of God
- Christmas
 - Reinforce the Christmas season is a special time to celebrate that God is with us
 - Introduce Dec. 28 Holy Innocents
- We Celebrate the Sacraments
 - Reinforce the Church celebrates the sacraments
 - Reinforce Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are the Sacraments of Christian initiation
 - Reinforce Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are sacraments of healing
 - Introduce Jesus is with us when we are suffering
 - Introduce The Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus's saving work of healing
 - Introduce Jesus is with those who hope for eternal life.
 - Reinforce Holy Orders and Matrimony are sacraments of service to others
 - Reinforce The parish community participates in the celebration of Baptism.
 - Introduce Holy Orders Jesus shares his ministry in a special way with the apostles.
 - Introduce Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the Church continues the apostles' mission.
- Celebrating Eucharist: The Mass
 - Reinforce Jesus celebrated Passover and the Last Supper
 - Reinforce the Mass is a sacrifice and a meal
 - Reinforce we take part in the Mass
 - Reinforce we celebrate Mass each week
- We worship at Mass

- Reinforce we gather to praise God
- Reinforce we listen to God's word
- Reinforce we receive Jesus Christ
- Reinforce we go out to love and serve the Lord
- Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation
 - Reinforce we make the choice to love God
 - Reinforce God is our forgiving father
 - Reinforce the sacrament of Reconciliation has several parts
 - Reinforce the Church celebrates the sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Reinforce The sacrament of Reconciliation strengthens our relationship with God and others.
- We Pray for Healing and Eternal Life
 - Reinforce Jesus cared for and healed the sick
 - Reinforce the Church heals us in Jesus's name
 - Reinforce we believe in eternal life with God
 - Reinforce the Church celebrates eternal with God
- Lent
 - Reinforce the season of Lent is at time of preparation for Easter
- The Three Days
 - Reinforce the three days celebrate that Jesus passed from death to new life
- We continue the work of Jesus
 - Reinforce Jesus brings God's life and love to all people
 - Reinforce Jesus shares his mission with his disciples
 - Reinforce the Church works for justice and peace
 - Reinforce we live out the Good News of Jesus Christ
- The Church respects all people
 - Introduce people around the world have different beliefs about God
 - Introduce the Jewish faith is important to Christians
 - Introduce Christ calls his followers to be united
 - Introduce the Church works for Christian unity
- The Church is Worldwide
 - Reinforce the Catholic Church is all over the world
 - Reinforce Catholics share the same faith
 - Reinforce Catholics celebrate their faith in different ways
 - Reinforce we are the light of the world
- We are God's Holy People
 - Introduce we belong to the communion of saints
 - Reinforce Mary is the greatest of all the saints
 - Reinforce the Church remembers and honors Mary
 - Reinforce God calls us to be saints
- The Kingdom of God continues to grow
 - Introduce Jesus used parables to teach about the Kingdom of God
 - Introduce Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God will grow
 - Introduce Jesus's miracles were signs of the Kingdom of God
 - Introduce the Kingdom of God grows

- Easter
 - Reinforce in the Easter season, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus
- Sharing Faith in class and at home
 - Family Survey
- Prayers
 - Master Sign of the Cross
 - Master Our Father
 - Master Hail Mary
 - Master Glory to the Father
 - Reinforce Act of Contrition
 - Introduce Apostles Creed

- Jesus Christ Shares His Life with Us
 - Jesus Shares God's Life with Us
 - Reinforce Jesus is the Son of God.
 - Reinforce Jesus shows us God's love.
 - Reinforce Jesus invites people to follow him.
 - Reinforce Jesus's disciples continue his work.
 - Jesus Shares His Mission with the Church
 - Reinforce We are joined to Jesus Christ and to one another.
 - Reinforce We proclaim the good news of Christ by what we say and do.
 - Reinforce In the liturgy we celebrate Christ's Paschal Mystery.
 - Reinforce When we serve others we give witness to Christ.
 - The Church Celebrates Seven Sacraments
 - Reinforce Jesus gave the Church seven sacraments.
 - Reinforce The sacraments of Christian initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
 - Reinforce The sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
 - Reinforce Holy Orders and Matrimony are sacraments of service to others.
 - New Life in Christ
 - Introduce Baptism is the foundation of Christian life.
 - Reinforce In Baptism we are freed from sin and become children of God.
 - Introduce We are a priestly, prophetic, and royal people.
 - Reinforce Because of our Baptism, we have hope of eternal life.
 - The Celebration of Baptism
 - Reinforce The Church welcomes all to be baptized.
 - Reinforce The parish community participates in the celebration of Baptism.
 - Reinforce Water is an important sign of Baptism.
 - Reinforce The baptized begin their new life as children of God.
 - The Liturgical Year
 - Reinforce Throughout the liturgical year we remember and celebrate the life of Christ.
 - Ordinary Time
 - Reinforce Ordinary Time is a special season to learn about the life of Christ and to grow as his followers.
- Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation
 - The Coming of The Holy Spirit
 - Reinforce On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples.
 - Introduce laying on of hands and anointing are signs of the Holy Spirit's presence.

- Introduce In Confirmation we become more like Christ and are strengthened to be his witnesses.
- Introduce Preparation is an important part of Confirmation.
- The Celebration of Confirmation
 - Introduce Confirmation leads us from Baptism to the Eucharist.
 - Reinforce In the sacrament of Confirmation, we are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - Introduce The gifts of the Holy Spirit help those who are confirmed.
 - Introduce Confirmation calls those anointed to live out their Baptism as witnesses of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ, The Bread of Life
 - Reinforce In the Eucharist we celebrate and receive Jesus Christ.
 - Reinforce The Eucharist is a memorial, a meal, and a sacrifice.
 - Reinforce We recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
 - Reinforce Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- The Celebration of the Eucharist
 - Introduce The Introductory Rites bring us together as a community.
 - Reinforce During the Liturgy of the Word, we listen and respond to the word of God.
 - Reinforce During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we pray the great prayer of thanksgiving and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
 - Introduce The Concluding Rite sends us out to be the Body of Christ to others.
- Living as Prayerful People
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches is to pray.
 - Reinforce We are called to pray daily.
 - Reinforce Sacramentals are a part of the Church's prayer life.
 - Reinforce Catholics have a rich tradition of special practices and popular devotions.
- Advent
 - Reinforce Advent is a season of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of the Son of God.
- Christmas
 - Reinforce The season of Christmas is a time to rejoice in the Incarnation.
 - Introduce Dec. 26 Saint Stephen
 - Introduce Baptism of the Lord Sunday after Epiphany
- The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us
 - We Turn to God
 - Reinforce Jesus calls us to conversion.
 - Reinforce Jesus forgives as only God can do.
 - Reinforce Jesus continues to forgive us through the Church.
 - Reinforce We are reconciled with God
 - Reinforce We are reconciled with the Church.
 - The Celebration of Reconciliation

- Reinforce The sacrament of Reconciliation strengthens our relationship with God and others.
- Reinforce In the sacrament of Reconciliation, the Church celebrates God's forgiveness.
- Introduce In the sacrament of Reconciliation we trust in God's mercy.
- Reinforce Together we turn our hearts and minds to God.
- Jesus, the Healer
 - Reinforce Jesus heals those who are sick.
 - Reinforce Jesus's apostles preach and heal in his name.
 - Reinforce The Church continues Jesus's healing ministry.
 - Reinforce We are called to care for those who are sick.
- The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick
 - Reinforce Jesus is with us when we are suffering.
 - Reinforce The Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus's saving work of healing.
 - Reinforce The Church celebrates the Anointing of the Sick.
 - Reinforce Jesus is with those who hope for eternal life.
- Mary, Model of Discipleship
 - Reinforce Mary is Jesus's first disciple.
 - Reinforce Mary is most blessed among women.
 - Reinforce Mary is the greatest of all the saints.
 - Reinforce The Church remembers and honors Mary.
- Lent
 - Reinforce Lent is the season of preparation for the great celebration of Easter.
- Triduum
 - Introduce The Easter Triduum is our greatest celebration of the Paschal Mystery.
- We Love and Serve as Jesus Did
 - Faith, Hope, and Love
 - Reinforce We believe in God and all that the Church teaches.
 - Reinforce We trust in God and are confident in his love and care for us.
 - Reinforce We are able to love God and one another.
 - Introduce The saints are models for living the life of virtue.
 - Called to Live as Jesus's Disciples
 - Reinforce Jesus calls the baptized to serve him in the priesthood of the faithful.
 - Reinforce The laity share in the mission to bring the good news of Christ to the world.
 - Reinforce Women and men in religious life serve Christ, their communities, and the whole Church.
 - Reinforce Friendships prepare us for future vocations.
 - Matrimony: A Promise of Faithfulness and Love

- Introduce Marriage was part of God's plan from the very beginning.
- Introduce The marriage covenant is built on Christ's love for the Church.
- Reinforce In the sacrament of Matrimony, a man and woman promise to always love and be true to each other.
- Reinforce Families are very important communities.
- Holy Orders: A Promise of Service for the People of God
 - Reinforce Jesus shares his ministry in a special way with the apostles.
 - Reinforce Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the Church continues the apostles' mission.
 - Reinforce Bishops, priests, and deacons serve the Church in different ways.
 - Introduce The laying on of hands and prayer of consecration are the main parts of the sacrament of Holy Orders.
- One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
 - Reinforce The Church is one and holy.
 - Reinforce The Church is catholic and apostolic.
 - Reinforce The Church respects all people.
 - Reinforce The Church works for justice and peace.
- Easter
 - Reinforce The Easter season is a special time to rejoice over the new life we have in Christ.
- God:
 - Introduce We use the word Trinity to describe God as creator, redeemer, sanctifier.
 - Reinforce Human persons are created in God's image.
 - Introduce Revelation is the unfolding of the mystery of God and God's plan for salvation.
 - Reinforce God is revealed most fully to us in the person of Jesus.
 - Reinforce Jesus is the savior promised in the Old Testament, who died to save us, rose from the dead and is with us today.
 - Reinforce Jesus used parables to teach us about the kingdom of God.
- Bible:
 - Reinforce The Bible is God's word to us recorded in the inspired words of the human persons who wrote it.
 - Reinforce The Bible reveals a personal God who is involved in the history of a people.
 - Introduce Exodus is the focal event of the Old Testament.
 - Reinforce Covenant, a major theme of the Old Testament, refers to a loving and faithful relationship between God and God's people.
 - The Bible is a collection/library of books:
 - Introduce Old Testament- 45 books of history, law, poetry, song
 - Introduce Book of Genesis is about beginnings
 - Introduce Abraham is the father of his people

- Introduce God's people became known as the Israelites
- Introduce Vocabulary: Canaan, Providence, pharaoh
- Introduce New Testament- 27 books: 4 gospels, 21 epistles, Acts of the Apostles, Book of Revelation
- Introduce The Old Testament tells the stories of our ancestors in faith called by God to lead and teach God's people, including Abraham, Moses and David.
- Introduce Prophet: Isaiah
- Church:
 - Reinforce The church continues the life and work of Jesus.
 - Reinforce The Catholic Church is a community of people who share the same faith and sacraments and are united in the Holy Spirit under the leadership of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, and of the bishops.
 - Reinforce The church as community celebrates the presence and action of Christ in our lives through sacraments.
 - Reinforce As church, we all have the mission of witnessing, worshipping, building community and serving others.
- Prayer/Worship
 - Reinforce Sacraments are signs of God's continuing presence (grace) in our lives.
 - Reinforce Sacraments are communal celebration of the Christian community.
 - Reinforce We celebrate seven sacraments in the Catholic Church.
- Special Seasons and People:
 - Reinforce The liturgical year is the cycle of feasts and seasons that Catholic Christians celebrate:
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- Faith/Identity:
 - Reinforce God created me out of love and my life has purpose.
 - Reinforce We can always believe and trust God.
 - Reinforce Faith is a gift from God.

- Reinforce The virtue of faith helps us make good choices to live as followers of Jesus.
- Justice/Morality:
 - Reinforce The Ten Commandments are a sign of the covenant between God and God's people in the Old Testament, and are moral guides for our lives together.
 - Introduce Beatitudes and the teachings of Jesus are moral guides for Jesus's followers, which teach us to work for justice and peace.
 - Reinforce We are called to care for and use God's creation properly.
 - Introduce God did not create evil; sin and misery are the results of original sin- the choice to turn away from God's love.
 - Reinforce Conscience is the ability we develop, with guidance, to judge whether something is right or wrong.
 - Reinforce Our sins disrupt our relationship with others and with God.
 - Introduce Original Sin
 - Reinforce Mistakes, even serious mistakes, are not sins.
 - Reinforce Christians are responsible for their actions and their inactions.
 - Introduce What is morality.
- Prayers
 - Master An Act of Contrition
 - Reinforce Apostle's Creed
 - Introduce Come Holy Spirit Prayer
 - Centering prayer
 - Prayer of the Active Imagination

- Jesus Christ Shares His Life with Us
 - Jesus Shares God's Life with Us
 - Reinforce Jesus is the Son of God.
 - Reinforce Jesus shows us God's love.
 - Reinforce Jesus invites people to follow him
 - Reinforce Jesus's disciples continue his work.
 - Jesus Shares His Mission with the Church
 - Reinforce We are joined to Jesus Christ and to one another.
 - Reinforce We proclaim the good news of Christ by what we say and do.
 - Reinforce In the liturgy we celebrate Christ's Paschal Mystery.
 - Reinforce When we serve others we give witness to Christ.
 - The Church Celebrates Seven Sacraments
 - Reinforce Jesus gave the Church seven sacraments.
 - Reinforce The sacraments of Christian initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
 - Reinforce The sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
 - Reinforce Holy Orders and Matrimony are sacraments of service to others.
 - New Life in Christ
 - Reinforce Baptism is the foundation of Christian life.
 - Reinforce In Baptism we are freed from sin and become children of God.
 - Reinforce We are a priestly, prophetic, and royal people.
 - Reinforce Because of our Baptism, we have hope of eternal life.
 - The Celebration of Baptism
 - Reinforce The Church welcomes all to be baptized.
 - Reinforce The parish community participates in the celebration of Baptism
 - Reinforce Water is an important sign of Baptism.
 - Reinforce The baptized begin their new life as children of God.
 - The Liturgical Year
 - Reinforce Throughout the liturgical year we remember and celebrate the life of Christ.
 - Ordinary Time
 - Reinforce Ordinary Time is a special season to learn about the life of Christ and to grow as his followers.
- Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation
 - The Coming of The Holy Spirit
 - Reinforce On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples.
 - Reinforce Laying on of hands and anointing are signs of the Holy Spirit's presence.

- Reinforce In Confirmation we become more like Christ and are strengthened to be his witnesses.
- Reinforce Preparation is an important part of Confirmation.
- The Celebration of Confirmation
 - Reinforce Confirmation leads us from Baptism to the Eucharist.
 - Reinforce In the sacrament of Confirmation, we are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - Reinforce The gifts of the Holy Spirit help those who are confirmed.
 - Reinforce Confirmation calls those anointed to live out their Baptism as witnesses of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ, The Bread of Life
 - Reinforce In the Eucharist we celebrate and receive Jesus Christ.
 - Reinforce The Eucharist is a memorial, a meal, and a sacrifice.
 - Reinforce We recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
 - Reinforce Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- The Celebration of the Eucharist
 - Reinforce The Introductory Rites brings us together as a community.
 - Reinforce During the Liturgy of the Word, we listen and respond to the word of God.
 - Reinforce During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we pray the great prayer of thanksgiving and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
 - Reinforce The Concluding Rite sends us out to be the Body of Christ to others.
- Living as Prayerful People
 - Reinforce Jesus teaches us to pray.
 - Reinforce We are called to pray daily.
 - Reinforce Sacramentals are a part of the Church's prayer life.
 - Reinforce Catholics have a rich tradition of special practices and popular devotions.
- Advent
 - Reinforce Advent is a season of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of the Son of God.
- Christmas
 - Reinforce The season of Christmas is a time to rejoice in the Incarnation.
- The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us
 - We Turn to God
 - Reinforce Jesus call us to conversion
 - Reinforce Jesus forgives as only God can do.
 - Reinforce Jesus continues to forgive us through the Church.
 - Reinforce We are reconciled with God and the Church.
 - The Celebration of Reconciliation
 - Reinforce The sacrament of Reconciliation strengthens our relationship with God and others.

- Reinforce In the sacrament of Reconciliation, the Church celebrates God's forgiveness.
- Reinforce In the sacrament of Reconciliation we trust in God's mercy.
- Reinforce Together we turn our hearts and minds to God.
- Jesus, the Healer
 - Reinforce Jesus heal those who are sick
 - Reinforce Jesus's apostles preach and heal in his name.
 - Reinforce The Church continues Jesus's healing ministry.
 - Reinforce We are called to care for those who are sick.
- The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.
 - Reinforce Jesus is with us when we are suffering.
 - Reinforce The Anointing of the Sick continues Jesus's saving work of healing.
 - Reinforce The Church celebrates the Anointing of the Sick
 - Reinforce Jesus is with those who hope for eternal life.
- Mary, Model of Discipleship
 - Introduce Mary is Jesus's first disciple.
 - Reinforce Mary is most blessed among women.
 - Reinforce Mary is the greatest of all saints.
 - Reinforce The Church remembers and honors Mary.
- Lent
 - Reinforce Lent is the season of preparation for the great celebration of Easter.
- Triduum
 - Reinforce The Easter Triduum is our greatest celebration of the Paschal Mystery.
- We Love and Serve as Jesus Did
 - Faith, Hope, and Love
 - Reinforce We believe in God and all that the Church teaches
 - Reinforce We trust in God and are confident in his love and care for us.
 - Reinforce We are able to love God and one another.
 - Reinforce The saints are models for living the life of virtue.
 - Called to Live as Jesus's Disciples
 - Reinforce Jesus calls the baptized to serve him in the priesthood of the faithful.
 - Reinforce The laity share in the mission to bring the good news of Christ to the world.
 - Introduce Women and men in religious life serve Christ, their communities, and the whole Church.
 - Reinforce Friendships prepare us for future vocations.
 - Matrimony: A Promise of Faithfulness and Love
 - Reinforce Marriage was part of God's plan from the very beginning.

- Reinforce The marriage covenant is built on Christ's love for the Church.
- Reinforce In the sacrament of Matrimony, a man and a woman promise to always love and be true to each other.
- Reinforce Families are very important communities.
- Holy Orders: A Promise of Service for the People of God
 - Reinforce Jesus shares his ministry in a special way with the apostles.
 - Reinforce Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the Church continues to apostles' mission.
 - Reinforce Bishops, priests, and deacons serve the Church in different ways.
 - Reinforce The laying on of hands and prayer of consecration are the main parts of the sacrament of Holy Orders.
 - Introduce The Acclamation of the Faithful is the third part of the sacrament of Holy Orders.
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: vocation
- One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic
 - Master The Church is one and holy.
 - Master The Church is catholic and apostolic.
 - Master The Church respects all people.
 - Master The Church works for justice and peace.
- Easter
 - Reinforce The Easter season is a special time to rejoice over the new life we have in Christ.
- God:
 - Reinforce We use the word Trinity to describe God as creator, redeemer, and sanctifier.
 - Reinforce Human persons are created in God's image
 - Reinforce Revelation is the unfolding of mystery of God and God's plan for salvation.
 - Reinforce God is revealed most fully to us in the person of Jesus.
 - Reinforce Grace is God's gift of life and love.
 - Reinforce Jesus is God with us.
 - Reinforce Jesus is the savior promised in the Old Testament, who died to save us, rose from the dead and is with us today.
 - Reinforce Jesus used parables to teach us about the kingdom of God.
 - Reinforce We use the term paschal mystery to refer to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
 - Reinforce Holy Spirit is God's life among us symbolized in wind, fire, and dove.
- Bible:
 - Reinforce The Bible is God's word to us recorded in the inspired words of the human persons who wrote it.

- Reinforce The Bible reveals a personal God who is involved in the history of a people.
- Reinforce The Bible is a collection:
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- Reinforce Prophets
- Prayer/Worship
 - There are many styles of prayer within the Catholic tradition:
 - Formal prayer
 - Spontaneous prayer
 - Meditation
 - Centering prayer
 - Prayer of the Active Imagination
 - Reinforce Sacraments are signs of God's continuing presence (grace) in our lives.
 - Reinforce Sacraments are communal celebration of the Christian community.
 - Reinforce We celebrate seven sacraments in the Catholic Church.
 - Reinforce Each sacrament has primary signs and symbols.
 - Reinforce Sacraments of initiation are baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.
 - Reinforce Sacraments of healing are penance and anointing of the sick.
 - Reinforce Sacraments in service of communion are matrimony and holy orders.
 - Reinforce Eucharist is the central celebration of faith.
 - Reinforce Eucharist is a sacrificial meal celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. (paschal mystery)
 - Reinforce In the sacrament of penance we express sorrow for our sins, celebrate reconciliation with the community and celebrate God's forgiveness.
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 - Reinforce Easter is the central feast of the Catholic Church.

- Reinforce Holy Days are days on which we celebrate special events and people in the life of the church.
- Reinforce Because Mary is the mother of Jesus, she is the mother of God. Mary is called the Mother of the Church.
- Reinforce Saints are holy men and women who live gospel values to a heroic design.
- Faith/Identity
 - Introduce God created me out of love and my life has purpose.
 - Introduce We can always believe and trust God.
 - Introduce Faith is a gift from God.
 - Introduce The virtue of faith helps us make good choices to live as followers of Jesus.
 - Introduce Human faith is a response we make to people because we have experienced they are worthy of our trust.
 - Reinforce Each baptized person has a call from God to live a Christian life.
 - Introduce Traditional Christian lifestyles include:
 - Lay ministry
 - Marriage
 - Ordained ministry
 - Single life
 - Vowed religious life
 - Introduce Death marks the physical end of the human life cycle and Christians believe in new life after death.
- Justice/Morality:
 - Introduce Jesus teaches us that love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated.
 - Reinforce The final commandment which Jesus left to his followers is: "Love one another as I have loved you."
 - Reinforce Persons need to love themselves in order to love God and other persons.
 - Introduce Jesus calls us to develop our gifts and talents to the best of our ability.
 - Reinforce We are called to care for and use God's creation properly.
 - Reinforce God did not create evil, sin and misery are the results of original sin- the choice to turn away from God's love.
 - Reinforce Each person is free to choose how to respond to God.
 - Reinforce Conscience is the ability we develop, with guidance, to judge whether something is right or wrong.
 - Introduce Christians are called to balance freedom and responsibility.
 - Reinforce We sin when we:
 - Know something is against God's law.
 - Think about the matter, and freely choose to do what we know is wrong.
 - Reinforce Our sins disrupt our relationships with others and with God.
 - Reinforce Mistakes, even serious mistakes, are not sins.

- Reinforce The power of God's love is greater than the power of sin.
- Reinforce Christians are responsible for their actions and their inactions.
- Reinforce We need to learn to express our feelings through actions that do not hurt ourselves or others.
- Prayers to be Learned
 - Master Apostle's Creed

- **God's Revelation**
 - Reinforce God's Revelation is handed down through the Bible
 - Reinforce Bible is collection of books
 - Reinforce Old and New Testaments
 - Reinforce Blessed Trinity
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: Divine Revelation, Blessed Trinity, Bible, Tradition, divine inspiration
- **Creation**
 - Reinforce Book of Genesis is about beginnings
 - Introduce Historical Period coinciding with Books of the Bible
 - Reinforce God and His People had a covenant
 - Introduce Two creation stories
 - Reinforce God is source of all life
 - Reinforce Humans are created in God's likeness
 - Reinforce We are only creatures who have free will and a conscience
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: covenant, Human dignity, free will, conscience
- **People Turn from God**
 - Introduce God created body and soul
 - Introduce We are stewards of creation
 - Reinforce Evil enters the world through a human act
 - Reinforce We are all now born with Original Sin
 - Reinforce God has Mercy on us
 - Introduce Vocabulary: soul, stewards.
 - Reinforce original sin, sin
- **God's Promises to Help People**
 - Introduce Isaiah described the Savior as a suffering servant
 - Reinforce The gospel tells the Good News of God's work through Jesus Christ
 - Introduce Story of Cain and Abel shows healing power of God's love
 - Reinforce God's covenant with Noah symbolizes how we are saved through Baptism
 - Introduce Unity of human race was lost in story of the tower of Babel
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: gospel, prophet, Savior
- **The Patriarchs: God Chooses a People**
 - Introduce Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are patriarchs in the Old Testament
 - Introduce The patriarchs and matriarchs lived in Canaan
 - Introduce They are our ancestors in faith
 - Introduce Abraham is the father of his people
 - Introduce God's people became known as the Israelites
 - Introduce Joseph's brothers sold him to merchants who sold him to the pharaoh

- Reinforce Joseph's brothers go to Egypt in search of food and are reunited with Joseph
- Introduce Vocabulary: patriarch
- Reinforce Vocabulary: Canaan, Providence, pharaoh

- **The Liturgical Year**
 - Reinforce Liturgical Year consists of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, and Easter
- **Ordinary Time**
 - Reinforce During this time we celebrate life and teachings of Jesus Christ
 - Reinforce The Lord's Day is an important day to gather and praise God, listen to His Word, receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at Mass
 - Introduce Three important Sundays during Ordinary Time: Trinity Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost), The Body and Blood of Christ (Sunday after Trinity Sunday), and Christ the King (last Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- **An Enslaved People**
 - Reinforce Egypt becomes home of the Israelites
 - Reinforce Israelites are made slaves by the Egyptians
 - Reinforce Israelites are also known as Hebrews
 - Reinforce Exodus story
 - Introduce The ten plagues
 - Reinforce Story of Passover
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: Exodus, Passover, plagues
- **A Free People**
 - Introduce Moses led Israelites toward Mount Sinai
 - Introduce The Israelites led a hard life and often lost faith in God
 - Introduce God performed many miracles for the Israelites
 - Reinforce God gave Moses the Ten Commandments
 - Reinforce An arc of the covenant was built to hold the Ten Commandments
 - Reinforce God led people to promised land
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: Mount Sinai, miracle, manna, ark of the covenant
- **A Conquering People**
 - Introduce Moses dies before entering the promised land and Joshua leads the people into Canaan
 - Introduce Israelites struggles with the Canaanites and defeat them at the battle of Jericho by following God's command to blow ram's horns as trumpets
 - Introduce Israelites turn away from God and worship false gods.
 - Introduce God allows other nations to rule them
 - Introduce The Israelites call to God for help and He answers them
 - Introduce The judges (military leaders) were sent: Deborah, Samson
 - Introduce Story of Ruth
 - Introduce Vocabulary: Nazerite
- **A Royal People**
 - Introduce God calls Samuel to serve him

- Introduce Saul becomes Israel's first King
- Introduce God chose David to lead Israel
- Introduce Vocabulary: monarchy,
- **A Prosperous People**
 - Introduce Solomon's reign
 - Introduce Solomon's wisdom
 - Introduce A temple was built in Jerusalem
 - Introduce Psalms teach us how to pray
 - Introduce Vocabulary: wisdom, psalm
- **Advent**
 - Reinforce The church prepares for the celebration of Christmas
 - Reinforce Advent means coming
 - Reinforce Jesus Christ is the Messiah
 - Reinforce Christ will fulfill God's promises
 - Reinforce John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of the Messiah
 - Introduce Symbols of the Jesse Tree
- **Christmas**
 - Reinforce Christmas is a time to celebrate the Incarnation
 - Reinforce Christmas begins on December 25 and ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord
 - Reinforce Dec. 26 Saint Stephen
 - Introduce Dec. 27 Saint John
 - Reinforce Dec. 28 Holy Innocents
 - Reinforce Sunday after Christmas the Feast of the Holy Family
 - Reinforce Epiphany Sunday between January 2 and 8
 - Reinforce Baptism of the Lord Sunday after Epiphany
- **A Divided People: Israel, the Northern Kingdom**
 - Introduce Solomon's kingdom was divided
 - Introduce Rehoboam became next king but some followed Jeroboam
 - Introduce Jeroboam led people into idolatry
 - Introduce After Jeroboam's death, northern kingdom continued to practice idolatry
 - Introduce God sent Elijah and Elisha to the northern kingdom
 - Introduce Assyrians destroyed northern kingdom
 - Introduce Other prophets brought God's message to Israel: Amos, Hosea
 - Introduce Vocabulary: idolatry
- **A divided People: Judah, the Southern Kingdom**
 - Introduce Judah is forced to pledge loyalty to Assyria
 - Introduce The people practiced idolatry again
 - Introduce Prophets bring Judah hope and comfort
 - Introduce Prophets Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Jeremiah
 - Introduce Babylon conquers Judah
 - Introduce Vocabulary: blasphemy,
 - Reinforce vocation

- **The Exile and the Journey Home**
 - Introduce Jerusalem is destroyed
 - Introduce Ezekiel calls the people back to God
 - Introduce Ezekiel's message
 - Introduce The people identify themselves as Jews and their religion Judaism
 - Introduce God's people search for wisdom
 - Introduce Three stages of the Return to Judah
 - Introduce Vocabulary: lamentation, superstition, hope, proverb, Torah
- **A Strong People**
 - Introduce Jews live and worship together
 - Introduce Prophets support Ezra's reforms
 - Introduce Book of Malachi
 - Introduce Book of Obadiah
 - Introduce Book of Joel
 - Introduce Book of Daniel
 - Introduce Book of Esther
 - Introduce Story of Tobit
 - Introduce Story of Judith
 - Introduce Story of Jonah
 - Introduce Maccabees defended Jewish faith
 - Introduce Judea loses independence to Roman rule
 - Introduce Groups within the Hasidim
 - Introduce Herod rules Judea
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: parable
- **God Fulfills His Promise**
 - Reinforce Mary is blessed by God
 - Reinforce Mary and Elizabeth had special roles in God's plan
 - Reinforce John's birth
 - Reinforce Jesus's birth
 - Reinforce Presentation in the Temple
 - Reinforce John prepares the way for Jesus
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: Incarnation, angel
- **Lent**
 - Reinforce Lent is a period of preparation for Easter
 - Reinforce Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday
 - Reinforce Stations of the Cross
- **Triduum**
 - Reinforce Triduum is known as the Christian Passover
 - Reinforce Holy Thursday is reenactment of Last Supper and a celebration of the new Passover
 - Reinforce Good Friday is day we recall Jesus's suffering and death
 - Reinforce Holy Saturday is day for thinking and praying
 - Reinforce Easter Sunday is day of joy as we recall that Christ has Risen
- **Jesus, Teacher and Healer**
 - Reinforce God makes himself known in His Son

- Reinforce Gospel is the good news about God at work in Jesus Christ
- Reinforce Jesus' Ministry
- Reinforce Jesus' followers became his disciples
- Reinforce The Beatitudes
- Reinforce Jesus' miracles: Wedding in Cana, Feeding the multitudes, Healing the sick
- Reinforce Vocabulary: Kingdom of God, Beatitudes
- **Jesus, Redeemer and Savior**
 - Reinforce The Last Supper
 - Introduce The Final Hours
 - Introduce Imaginary pilgrimage: Chapel of the Cenacle, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of the Holy Sepulcher
 - Reinforce The Resurrection
 - Reinforce The Risen Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
 - Reinforce Christ appears to his disciples
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: Last Supper, Resurrection,
- **The Church Begins**
 - Reinforce Church begins with the coming of the Holy Spirit
 - Reinforce The Good News spreads
 - Reinforce Peter preaches Good News
 - Reinforce Story of Saul
 - Reinforce Christians are persecuted
 - Introduce stories of Saint Lawrence, Saint Cecilia, Saint Agnes, and Saint Martin of Tours
 - Introduce Christianity became an accepted religion
 - Introduce Vocabulary: Pentecost, martyr
- **The Bible and the Church Today**
 - Reinforce Different writings in the New Testament: Gospels, Letters, Acts
 - Reinforce Bible is source of Christian living and worship
 - Reinforce Church continues Jesus' work through 7 sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the sick, Holy Orders, Matrimony
 - Reinforce Church continues to work for social justice
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: Catholic social teaching
- **The Church in The World**
 - Reinforce We live as one people
 - Reinforce We live as Holy people
 - Reinforce We live as welcoming people
 - Reinforce We live as faithful people
 - Reinforce the Church one, holy, catholic, apostolic
 - Reinforce Vocabulary: marks of the Church, ecumenism, holiness,
- **Easter**
 - Reinforce Ascension
 - Reinforce Pentecost

SEVENTH GRADE

The seventh grade Religion focuses on the *New Testament* and the *Creed*. Study of the New Testament explores the history of this part of the Bible and the life of Jesus Christ. The Creed explores how, through Divine Revelation, we come to know God. The Creed also looks at the mystery of the Blessed Trinity and the basic beliefs of our Catholic faith. This curriculum encourages the students to develop a mature relationship with Jesus in their teenage years.

- Become aware that the New Testament is a historical source of the life of Jesus Christ.
 - Introduce Historical figures who wrote about the man called Jesus of Nazareth.
 - Introduce the stories in the New Testament that were handed down from oral tradition to the Gospel writers.
 - Introduce that Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, including was part of the Roman Empire.
 - Introduce the meaning of Divine Inspiration and applying it to the Gospel writers.
 - Reinforce that the Bible is unlike any other book.
 - Reinforce the difference between historical fact and religious truth.
 - Introduce the Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

- Develop an understanding and appreciation of the Humanity of Jesus Christ.
 - Reinforce that Jesus was a Jew and belonged to a people with a rich history.
 - Reinforce Jesus as a young child and as a teenager growing up in Israel.
 - Reinforce the story of His birth to the Virgin Mary.
 - Reinforce some of the traditions and celebrations Jesus would have taken part in as He was growing up

- Develop an understanding and appreciation of the Divinity of Jesus Christ.
 - Reinforce how John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus Christ.
 - Reinforce that Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity and was the Word made flesh.
 - Reinforce stories in the Bible where Jesus speaks about Himself.
 - Reinforce stories in the Bible where Jesus shows His Divinity through miracles.
 - Introduce the parables in the Bible that show His skill as a teacher.
 - Reinforce the stories in the Bible that show how Jesus had the power to forgive sins.
 - Reinforce the story of Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension by performing Jesus Christ Superstar.

- Reinforce that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, and the Lord and to understand the meaning of each of those.
- Become conscious of the origin of the church, the call of the Apostles, and the student's own role in the church today.
 - Introduce the beginnings of the church back to the Apostles.
 - Reinforce the Apostles call to their Mission.
 - Reinforce that they too are called on to fulfill God's Kingdom here on earth.
 - Reinforce ways in which they can make this world a better place by following Jesus's examples.
 - Reinforce the ways in which students can contribute to the church.
 - Introduce and memorize the Nicene Creed.
 - Reinforce the sacraments that bring us closer to the Church and to God.
- Develop an awareness that God shows us who He is through His creation, His relationship with people, and most fully in Jesus.
 - Introduce Divine Revelation.
 - Reinforce times when they felt close to God or called upon by God to do something special.
 - Reinforce an appreciation of the beauty of creation.
- By recognizing that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.
 - Introduce how the Holy Spirit is often called the Forgotten member of the Blessed Trinity.
 - Reinforce how the Apostles were frightened and unaware of their role until the Holy Spirit came to them.
 - Reinforce that it is the Holy Spirit who is here with us today.
 - Introduce that it is the Holy Spirit who is called the Giver of Life.
- To know and understand the following vocabulary words:
 - Introduce Oral tradition
 - Reinforce Bible
 - Reinforce Testament
 - Introduce Divine Inspiration
 - Introduce Divine Revelation
 - Reinforce Gospel
 - Introduce Canon of Scripture
 - Reinforce Epistle
 - Reinforce Parable
 - Reinforce Hymn
 - Introduce Genealogy
 - Introduce Midrash

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- Introduce Apocalyptic writing
- Reinforce Covenant
- Reinforce Sacrifice
- Reinforce Synoptic gospel
- Reinforce Infancy narratives
- Reinforce Miracle
- Introduce exorcism
- Reinforce Sanctifying grace
- Reinforce Paschal mystery
- Reinforce Apostle
- Reinforce Tradition
- Introduce Deposit of faith
- Introduce Atheist
- Introduce Agnostic
- Introduce Omnipotent
- Introduce Omniscient
- Introduce Omnipresent
- Reinforce Apostolic
- Introduce Immanence
- Introduce Transcendence
- Reinforce Evangelist

Prayers to be Learned

- The Nicene Creed
- Three different graces before meals

The 7th Grade class also performs the musical Jesus Christ, Super Star

Eighth grade religion focuses on the Church, offering a detailed look at how the followers of Jesus approach the ultimate questions of life. Church history is explored. Young teens explore and recommit to their relationship with the Church.

- Church History
 - Ever Ancient & Ever New
 - Introduce The meaning of history
 - Introduce Importance of Church history
 - Introduce Tools of the trade
 - Introduce Saints and sinners
 - Centuries of Amazing Growth A.D. 30-313
 - Introduce Beginnings of the Church
 - Introduce Early missionary activity
 - Introduce Persecution
 - Introduce Response to Gnosticism
 - Faith of an Empire A.D. 313-476
 - Introduce The edict of toleration (Milan)
 - Introduce Plus and minuses
 - Introduce The Apostolic Fathers
 - Introduce The age of councils
 - Trials and New Beginnings A.D. 476- 1054
 - Introduce Barbarian invasions
 - Introduce Roots of monasticism
 - Introduce Monastic evangelization of Europe
 - Introduce Schism of 1054
 - A Remarkable Age of Renewal A.D. 1046- 1305
 - Introduce A Need for reform
 - Introduce Failure of the Crusades
 - Introduce Coming of the friars
 - Introduce Expression of faith
 - A Time of Crisis and Challenge A.D. 1305- 1517
 - Introduce The Avignon papacy
 - Introduce The Great Schism
 - Introduce Humanists and reformers
 - Introduce The Renaissance Church
 - The Protestant Reformation
 - Introduce The protest of Martin Luther
 - Introduce Spread of Lutherism
 - Introduce Zwingli, the Anabaptists, and Calvin
 - Introduce The Reformation in England
 - The Counter-Reformation A.D. 1545- 1648
 - Introduce The Council of Trent
 - Introduce The Society of Jesus

- Introduce Other new orders
- Introduce Catholics and Elizabeth I
- Between Reformation and Revolution A.D. 1648- 1789
 - Introduce The age of kings
 - Introduce Catholicism in Europe
 - Introduce Catholicism in the New World
 - Introduce The scientific revolution
- A World in Turmoil A.D. 1789-1814
 - Introduce The French Revolution
 - Introduce The Church in France
 - Introduce The pontification of Pius VII
 - Introduce Napoleon and the Catholic Church
- The Dawn of a New Age A.D. 1814-1914
 - Introduce Liberalism and nationalism
 - Introduce Influence of the laity
 - Introduce Imperialism and the missions
 - Introduce Nineteenth-century papacy
- Catholicism in the United States A.D. 1565- 1861
 - Introduce The impact of Spain
 - Introduce French explorers and missionaries
 - Introduce Catholics in colonial America
 - Introduce The immigrant Church
- The Church in Modern America 1861- Present
 - Introduce The Civil War and Catholics
 - Introduce The Church and Americanism
 - Introduce The Church in the twentieth century
 - Introduce The Depression, World War II, and after
- The Twentieth Century and Beyond
 - Introduce Dealing with dictators
 - Introduce Communism and Christian Democracy
 - Introduce Asia, Africa, and Latin America
 - Introduce Vatican II and After
- The Story of Art
 - Introduce Church Architecture
 - Introduce Religion Art
 - Introduce Church Music
 - Introduce Liturgical Drama
- Morality
 - Getting it Right
 - Reinforce What is morality
 - Introduce The moral life
 - Reinforce Friendship with God
 - Reinforce Grace
 - The Key to Happiness

- Reinforce What is happiness
- Reinforce The Beatitudes
- Reinforce The Commandments
- A Life of Discipleship
 - Reinforce What is discipleship
 - Reinforce Grace of baptism
 - Reinforce Community of the Church
- Sin and Forgiveness
 - Introduce the seven deadly sins
 - Reinforce Original sin, personal sin
 - Reinforce Effects of sin
 - Reinforce Jesus and forgiveness
- Finding True Freedom
 - Reinforce Freedom and discipleship
 - Reinforce Forming conscience
 - Reinforce First Commandment
- Finding the Sacred
 - Reinforce The prayer of Jesus
 - Reinforce Second commandment
 - Reinforce Third commandment
- Learning to Love
 - Reinforce God's gift of family
 - Reinforce Fourth commandment
 - Reinforce Authority
- Choosing Life
 - Reinforce Fifth commandment
 - Introduce Sins against life: euthanasia, hatred, violence, war
 - Reinforce Healthy love of self
- Loving for Life
 - Introduce Sexuality and the whole person
 - Introduce Chastity, modesty
 - Reinforce The sixth and ninth commandment
- Call to Justice
 - Reinforce What is justice
 - Reinforce The seventh and tenth commandment
 - Introduce Sins against justice
- Called to Truth
 - Introduce What is truth
 - Reinforce The eighth commandment
- Virtues: Skills for the journey
 - Reinforce What is virtue
 - Introduce the Cardinal virtues
 - Introduce the Theological virtues
- The Power of the Moral Life
 - Introduce The Challenge to be moral
 - Introduce the Laws of the Church

- Reinforce the Works of Mercy
- Making Moral Decisions
 - Introduce What makes a person human
 - Reinforce Influences in decision making
 - Reinforce Steps in decision making
- Something Worth Living for
 - Reinforce Priesthood
 - Reinforce Active Religious Life
 - Reinforce Contemplative Life
 - Introduce Prayer for vocation

1st term: Introduce, learn and recite Prayer of St. Francis

2nd term: Reinforce Saints and write a Saint report and drawing

3rd term: Introduce making of a Banner on peace or Alleluia or Risen Christ

4th term: Introduce and learn parts of the rosary; use the four mysteries and various types of rosary beads