



# "He was named Jesus."

Luke 2:21



## Unit One: God Loves Me

"God calls you each by name."

Psalm 147:4

- God made me
- What I can do
- I have feelings
- Seeing God's love

Catechism content: #219, #290, #299, #355, #369, #1147, #1764, #1768



## Unit Two: I Love God

"Jesus grew and became strong."

Luke 2:40

- Following Jesus
- Using good words
- Good things to do
- I talk to God

Catechism content: #459, #520, #1730, #2212, #2288, #2559, #2616

## Unit Three: I Love Others

"All living creatures praise the Lord."

Psalm 150:6

- God cares for families
- Being a good friend
- Good neighbors
- Caring for God's creatures

Catechism content: #360, #525, #1905, #1939, #1970, #2206, #2416, #2417

## Unit Four: Church

"Jesus said, 'Come, follow me.'"

Mark 10:21

- I belong to our church
- My parish family
- Inside the church
- Using church words

Catechism content: #781-82, #814, #830-31, #1145, #1153, #1156, #1160, #1181, #1189, #2179

## Unit Five: Celebrate

"God, I am always in your care."

Psalm 31:15

- Remembering special stories
- My celebrations
- Church celebrations
- Going to Sunday Mass

Catechism content: #41, #104, #133, #1140, #1153, #2181, #2182, #2188

## Unit Six: Caring

"Grow in love for one another and for all."

1 Thessalonians 3:12

- Helping Jesus
- Caring like Jesus
- Taking care of myself
- Taking care of God's world

Catechism content: #220, #299, #340, #425, #527-30, #1823, #1932-33, #1937

## A Little Catechism

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." (Mark 10:14) In Kindergarten, the students begin to know Jesus who calls to them as a friend. The students embark on this journey of friendship with Jesus and God by learning to:

- Know God better by studying Jesus' family—the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph.
- Love God better by learning how to talk to God and pray the Sign of the Cross.
- Serve God better by following the example of Jesus' friends around the world.



# 1



# “Let the children come to me.”

Luke 18:16

## Unit One: God's Gifts

“You are my beloved Son.”

Mark 1:11

- God's creation is good
- God's gift of family
- Jesus and the Holy Family
- The help of the Holy Spirit

Catechism content: #27, #239-40, #275, #295, #457, #501, #532, #733, #1652-53, #1700, #2003

## Unit Two: Prayer and Praise

“We thank you, God.”

Psalm 75:2

- The Bible is God's Word
- Talking to God
- Showing love for God in praise
- Saying thank you to God

Catechism content: #104, #301, #1061-65, #2083, #2113, #2143, #2157, #2564

## Unit Three: Love and Care

“Be kind to one another.”

Ephesians 4:32

- Being sorry for doing wrong
- Jesus taught to forgive others
- Being a good neighbor
- Praying for others

Catechism content: #387, #459, #1440, #1465, #1702, #1803, #1850, #1871, #1950, #1975, #2392, #2401, #2454, #2464, #2635-36

## Unit Four: Welcome

“Jesus welcomed the crowds and spoke to them about the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:11

- Joining the Catholic Church
- Being part of the parish family
- Leaders for all God's people
- Inviting everyone to God's kingdom

Catechism content: #764, #781, #1213, #1668, #1934-35, #2179

## Unit Five: Celebration

“I thank you, O Lord, with all my heart.”

Psalm 138:1

- Going to Mass
- Thanking God for all his gifts
- Saying the Lord's Prayer
- Understanding Holy Communion

Catechism Content: #1083, #1140, #1180-81, #1198-99, #1350-51, #1359-61, #1378-79, #1380, #2691, #2696, #2700-04, #2722, #2801, #2972-93



## Unit Six: Giving

“Serve the Lord with your whole heart and soul!”

Joshua 22:5

- Jesus died to bring new life
- Jesus is the Way to God
- Loving Jesus by loving others
- Being happy to serve Jesus

Catechism content: #51, #459, #876, #1023-24, #1719-21, #1726, #1823

## A Little Catechism

In Grade One, the students learn about what it means to be one of God's children. They learn that they can use the minds, hearts, and hands that God gave them to know, love, and serve God. The students begin by learning to:

- Know God better by studying the Trinity, the Ten Commandments, the Great Commandment, and the sacraments.
- Love God better by learning the Church seasons and praying new prayers: the Glory Be to the Father, the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, Prayer to My Guardian Angel.
- Serve God better by imitating the widow who gave her last mite at the Temple.

# 2



## "Give them some food."

Luke 9:13

### Unit One: God Loves Me

"We are God's children now."

1 John 3:2

- God's creation is good
- God's son, Jesus
- God's love in the Bible
- Becoming children of God at baptism

Catechism content: #41, #50, #104, #229, #242, #262, #299, #458, #514-15, #525-26, #563, #683, #741, #742, #1533, #1546, #1591, #1996, #2759



### Unit Two: Loving God

"Give to the Lord the glory due his name."

Psalms 29:2

- Obeying God's Law
- God as a friend you can trust
- God's name is holy
- Celebrating the Lord's Day

Catechism content: #1171, #2052, #2067, #2098, #2142-46, #2161, #2169, #2172, #2173, #2174-75, #2177, #2180-82, #2559, #2637-38, #2648, #2659-60, #2734-35, #2738, #2756

### Unit Three: Loving Others

"Do what is pleasing to God."

Romans 12:2

- Respect and love in the home
- Jesus teaches peace
- Choosing well and making moral decisions
- Being a light for others

Catechism content: #1449, #1656, #1666, #1700, #1713, #1730-32, #1777-78, #1796, #1804, #1849, #1854-55, #1871-72, #1878, #2199, #2214-16, #2248, #2251, #2302, #2305, #2330

### Unit Four: God Forgives

"Happy is the person whose sin is taken away."

Psalms 32:1

- Asking for God's mercy
- Showing forgiveness toward others
- Taking steps toward reconciliation
- Healing through the Anointing of the Sick

Catechism content: #430, #601, #619, #802, #977, #980, #1422, #1451, #1461, #1465, #1467, #1468-69, #1490, #1492, #1503, #1520, #1781, #1962

### Unit Five: The Holy Eucharist

"Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, I will be with you."

1 Corinthians 11:26

- Gathering on Sunday for Mass
- Listening to God at Mass
- Remembering and giving thanks in the Eucharist
- Gathering at the altar to receive Jesus

Catechism content: #1083, #1088, #1153, #1331, #1333, #1348, #1349, #1350-55, #1373, #1378, #1385-87, #1391-92, #2182

### Unit Six: Go Forth!

"Never give up, follow the Holy Spirit, and serve the Lord."

Romans 12:11

- Missionaries and the growing Church
- Coming together to celebrate as a community
- Jesus sends us to do God's work
- Knowing, loving, and serving God

Catechism content: #52, #217, #737, #768, #831, #849-52, #857-58, #1079-83, #1552, #1693, #1698, #1939, #2179

## A Little Catechism

Thomas Aquinas devoted his life to knowing, loving, and serving God. In Grade 2, the students learn how they can follow in the footsteps of this saint. Modeling after Saint Thomas Aquinas, the students will:

- Know God better by studying signs, symbols, and sacraments of the Church.
- Love God better by learning the Act of Contrition, exploring what it means to pray, and by understanding the Church seasons and feasts.
- Serve God better by following the example of Mary saying "Yes!" to God and serving him with joy.



# 3



## “Do whatever he tells you.”

John 2:5

### Unit One: God's Gifts

“God's word is living.” *Hebrews 4:12*

- Jesus reveals the way to God
- The Bible is the story of God and his people
- Christian family as a community of love
- Becoming friends of Jesus in word and action

Catechism Content: #50, #65, #73, #79, #122, #124, #134, #143-44, #422, #520, #523, #721-26, #730, #744, #1823, #1824, #2196, #2204, #2205, #2207, #2208

### Unit Two: Faith in God

“Pray always.” *Luke 18:1*

- Nurturing the seed of faith
- Believing what God has communicated through Jesus
- Using gifts of the Holy Spirit to build the Church
- Raising the mind and heart to God in prayer

Catechism Content: #76, #97, #153, #166-67, #168, #181, #185, #736, #767-68, #798, #801, #1145, #1832, #2003, #2013, #2559, #2609-10, #2629, #2633, #2650, #2652, #2661-62, #2742-45, #2757

### Unit Three: Loving Others

“Forgive anyone who has offended you.” *Mark 11:25*

- Loving and serving God and others
- Making wrongs right and forgiving others
- Healing hurts through Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick
- The Holy Spirit is guide, helper, and comforter

Catechism Content: #736, #741, #747, #767, #768, #798, #1443, #1445, #1451, #1455, #1468, #1469, #1480, #1487, #1491, #1506-07, #1520, #1823-24, #1825, #1830-31, #1846, #1847, #2055, #2093, #2262



### Unit Four: People of God

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people claimed by God.”

*1 Peter 2:9*

- The Body of Christ gathers together as the Church
- The marks of the Church
- Bringing God's Word everywhere
- Living like saints

Catechism Content: #669, #737, #768, #782, #788, #790, #791, #792, #813-15, #823, #826, #830, #831, #836, #848, #849-52, #857-58, #868, #869, #946, #948, #957, #962, #1717, #1807, #2030, #2045-46

### Unit Five: The Church Celebrates

“For everything there is a season.”

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

- Keeping holy the Lord's Day
- Welcoming with the sacraments of initiation
- Remembering and giving thanks
- Celebrating the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Catechism content: #782, #804, #1163, #1166, #1167, #1169-70, #1171, #1194, #1212, #1267, #1268, #1275, #1285, #1322, #1348-55, #1359-61, #1391, #2168-73, #2174, #2176, #2180, #2186, #2189, #2191, #2192

### Unit Six: The Church Serves

“Anyone who wishes to be first shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

*Mark 9:35*

- Sent to be a sign of God's love
- Believing and telling the Good News
- Being called to lead by serving
- Jesus' work is joyful work

Catechism content: #2, #3, #520, #849, #874, #878, #882, #893, #898, #900, #901, #941, #1570, #1813, #1814-16, #1817-19, #1822-23, #1829, #1832, #1841, #2415, #2456, #2473



## A Little Catechism

At the wedding at Cana, Mary told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” (*John 2:5*) In Grade 3, the students are urged to follow Jesus' command, loving God and others, and spreading the Good News everywhere. As young followers of Jesus, the students will:

- Know God better by studying the rules of the Church, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- Love God better by praying the Apostles' Creed, talking to God in prayer as Jesus did, and learning about the parts of the Mass.
- Serve God better by imitating the servant Jesus, who washed the feet of his Apostles to set an example for all.

# 4



## “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

Matthew 5:3

### Unit One: God's Love

“I will take you as my own people, and you shall have me as your God.”

Exodus 6:7

- God's Word in Creation, the Bible, and people
- Man is made in God's image
- Faithful covenant partnership
- Following the Ten Commandments

Catechism content: #53, #55, #56-64, #70, #105, #107, #135, #215-17, #303-05, #321-22, #373, #380, #390, #391-94, #396, #414, #1734, #1736, #1745, #1776, #1795, #1830-31, #1845, #1874, #2052

### Unit Two: Love of God

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.”

Psalms 118:24

- Reverence for God and all things holy
- Importance of prayer
- Honoring the Lord's Day
- Celebrating Jesus throughout the Church year

Catechism content: #349, #1166-67, #1171, #1193, #2013, #2028, #2131-32, #2141, #2162, #2185, #2192-93, #2565, #2609, #2613, #2621, #2639, #2649, #2655, #2687, #2771-72, #2776

### Unit Three: Love of Others

“Be rich in doing good. Be generous and willing to share.”

1 Timothy 6:18

- Family love, respect, and obedience
- Care and concern for living things
- A generous spirit is rewarded by God
- Truth in word and action

Catechism content: #215-17, #520-21, #562, #734-35, #1655-57, #1666, #1764, #1768, #1866, #2205, #2234, #2248, #2261, #2268-69, #2303, #2320, #2333-34, #2380, #2393, #2466-68, #2476, #2534, #2536, #2552

### Unit Four: The Servant Church

“You are now God's people.”

1 Peter 2:10

- The presence of God's reign in life and love
- Continuing the ministry of Jesus today
- Living a life of charity
- Sharing new life in Jesus

Catechism content: #182, #731-32, #746, #759-68, #778, #781, #783-86, #803, #832-34, #865, #956-57, #969, #975, #1001-03, #1033, #1039, #1566-67, #1595, #1703, #1900, #1967, #1972, #1982, #1984, #2032, #2037



### Unit Five: The Church Celebrates

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20

- Sharing in the liturgy
- The sacraments of initiation
- Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist
- Contrition, forgiveness, and reconciliation

Catechism content: #150-53, #184, #232, #265, #478, #486, #497, #624, #627, #630, #654, #734-35, #980, #986, #1082-83, #1113-21, #1129, #1275, #1283, #1285, #1287, #1302, #1370, #1440, #1445, #1462, #1469, #1482, #1757, #1776, #1795, #1797

### Unit Six: True Happiness

“O Lord of hosts, restore us; let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.”

Psalms 80:8

- Following the Beatitudes as the road to happiness
- Trust in God to provide for all needs
- Caring for others with compassion and mercy
- Creating peace with love and justice

Catechism content: #520-21, #562, #668, #678, #1033, #1039, #1716, #1724-25, #1807, #1817, #1819, #1829, #2305, #2306, #2447, #2544-47

## A Little Catechism

In Grade Four, the students learn that exploring their Catholic faith is like digging for a buried treasure: it may take work, but the rewards are endless. Jesus asks the students to change their lives and believe in the Gospel. (Mark 1:15) To discover their own buried treasures of faith, the students will:

- Know God better by studying the sacraments and signs of the Church more closely.
- Love God better by learning how to pray the Memorial Acclamations, the Memorare, and the Rosary.
- Serve God better by following the call of Our Lady of the Poor to be servants of those in need of help.

# 5



## “Do this in memory of me.”

Luke 22:19



### Unit One: God's World

“The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 5:5

- Seeing God's world around us
- Living as people of God's covenant
- The binding power of the Holy Spirit
- Answering the call to love and serve

Catechism content: #142, #268-69, #275-76, #320, #339, #340, #342, #346, #645-46, #733, #734, #736, #1721, #1964-68, #1982-83, #2058, #2060-63, #2069, #2075, #2077, #2560-61, #2567, #2575

### Unit Two: Faith and Life

“Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the truth, and the life.’”

John 14:6

- Putting faith into action
- Stories of our faith family in the Bible
- Sharing in Jesus' sacrifice
- Learning and growing in families

Catechism content: #133, #144-46, #165, #182, #200-01, #228, #400-02, #404, #416, #417, #418, #425-26, #430, #452, #463, #519, #520, #522, #599-600, #661, #666, #790, #1008, #1018, #1816, #2086, #2087, #2089, #2134, #2207, #2208, #2210, #2218, #2224, #2227, #2250

### Unit Three: The Presence of Christ

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16

- Living as sacramental people
- Staying faithful to tradition
- Cooperating to achieve unity
- Building God's kingdom on earth

Catechism Content: #77, #78, #79, #80, #84, #85-86, #91, #541, #669, #688, #739, #763, #768, #774, #775, #788, #814, #815, #816, #820-22, #857-62, #1131

### Unit Four: Sacramental Signs

“You have been called together in one body and one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one baptism, one God and father of all.”

Ephesians 4:4-6

- Joining in the liturgy of the Church
- Entering into new life with Jesus
- Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit
- The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

Catechism Content: #103, #131, #141, #736, #739, #799, #800, #1067-68, #1069, #1071, #1097, #1100, #1102, #1104, #1154, #1190, #1213, #1250-52, #1263, #1265, #1267-69, #1302, #1327, #1328-32, #1333, #1341, #1373, #1378, #1407, #1412, #1418, #1831, #1999-2000, #2023, #2180-81, #2192

### Unit Five: Sign to the World

“Tend the flock of God in your midst, willingly, as God would have it”

1 Peter 5:2

- Celebrating the sacrament of marriage
- Being called to serve
- Healing through reconciliation
- Healing through the Anointing of the Sick

Catechism Content: #1446, #1455, #1456, #1487-88, #1499, #1503, #1506, #1509, #1514, #1520, #1536, #1538, #1551, #1570, #1596, #1603, #1616-17, #1623, #1640, #1646, #1659, #1661, #2631, #2646

### Unit Six: Justice and Peace

“Turn from evil, and do good; seek peace, and follow after it”

Psalms 34:15

- Respecting all of God's creation
- Striving for happiness and harmony
- Taking action for justice
- Preparing for new life

Catechism content: #25, #339, #544, #661-66, #952, #1021-24, #1030-36, #1717, #1723, #1728-29, #1767, #1769-70, #1775, #1783, #1929, #1944, #2150-52, #2163, #2284-87, #2288, #2326, #2416-18, #2457, #2487, #2509, #2519

## A Little Catechism

Jesus told the Apostles, “I have come so that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10) In Grade Five the students learn that in water and Spirit they are baptized into eternal life with Jesus. To share in Jesus' life more fully, they will:

- Know God better by studying the Beatitudes, sacramental signs, and Holy Days of the Church.
- Love God better by exploring personal prayer and learning the deeper meanings of the Church seasons.
- Serve God better by setting an example for others and taking small steps toward justice and peace.

# 6



# "I must be in my father's house."

Luke 2:49

## Unit One: God's Word

"You, O Lord, are the God who did wonders."

*Psalm 77:15*

- Looking closely at the Bible
- The wonder of God's creation
- The effects of original sin
- Being tested and trusting in the covenant

Catechism content: #50, #53, #58, #60, #62-64, #71, #72, #73, #87, #89, #94, #99, #101, #108, #122, #124, #126, #131, #142-43, #145-46, #164, #165, #227, #290, #293, #299, #301, #339, #341, #385, #396, #397, #400, #418, #494, #2570-72

## Unit Two: In God's Image

"Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."

*Joshua 1:9*

- Finding opportunities to live out the covenant
- Being freed from slavery by God
- Choosing to obey the commandments
- Keeping the Sinai covenant

Catechism content: #204-05, #210-11, #213, #214, #231, #961-62, #1164, #1295, #1730-32, #1806, #1955, #1980, #2101, #2573

## Unit Three: Free and Faithful

"The prophets, by faith, conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises."

*Hebrews 11:33*

- Learning from the early leaders of the Kingdom
- Staying faithful to God and the covenant
- Using one's conscience to make decisions
- Acting as prophets today

Catechism content: #64, #218, #709, #1776, #1777-78, #1781, #1783-85, #1787-88, #1791, #1793, #1794, #1801, #1802, #1806, #1807, #1809, #1817, #1818, #1897-99, #1918, #2410-11, #2518, #2520, #2528-29, #2531

## Unit Four: Community of Faith

"We prayed to the Lord, and our prayer was heard; we offered sacrifices and fine flour; we lighted the lamps."

*2 Maccabees 1:8*

- Starting anew with contrition and reconciliation
- Seeking the wisdom of God
- Rekindling the light of faith
- Singing the psalms

Catechism content: #81, #201, #227, #822, #849, #851, #1422, #1424, #1430, #1440, #1443, #1446, #1450-51, #1468, #1469, #1954, #1956, #2585-89, #2596-97, #2628, #2656, #2664, #2680, #2698

## Unit Five: Gathered in Christ

Jesus said to his Apostles, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

*Luke 22:15*

- Getting to know the Gospels as portraits of Jesus
- Following the way of Jesus in everyday life
- Remembering, celebrating, and believing in Jesus
- Understanding the Passion of Jesus

Catechism content: #514-15, #520, #571, #573, #618, #1084-90, #1111, #1127, #1172-73, #1195, #1325, #1329, #1334-35, #1337, #1339-40, #1373, #1382-83, #1384, #1402-05, #1406, #1419, #1716, #1717

## Unit Six: Light for the World

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it"

*1 Corinthians 12:27*

- Living through the Resurrection
- The story of the early Church
- Being part of the great Christian story
- Caring for Jesus in those around us

Catechism content: #79, #124, #125, #139, #640, #641, #642, #654, #767, #776, #780, #857, #860, #861-62, #1506, #1932, #2471-72, #2473, #2506

## A Little Catechism

In Grade Six, the students follow in Jesus' footsteps, studying Scripture closely so that each student can discover God's revelation for himself. They learn the value of faith in daily life, and are reminded that they too can lead holy lives by following Jesus' example. The students learn to:

- Know God better by confirming their understanding of the beliefs of the Church.
- Love God better by praying the psalms, loving one another, and finding God in all of life.
- Serve God better by believing in the Word of God as the Way.



Grade 7 Christ Jesus, the Way  
Scope and Sequence for Web Resources

“I am the resurrection and the life.” *John 11:25*

Unit One: Jesus the Christ

“We saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

*John 1:14b*

- Knowing about Jesus
- Jesus’ family and faith traditions
- Jesus, the Messiah
- Jesus’ friends, the disciples

Catechism content: #1, #3, #65, #422, #425, #531-534, #711-714, #858-860, #1816, #1656-1658, #1694, #1816

Unit Two: Jesus Gives Life

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life.”

*John 6:40a*

- Sacraments, signs of God’s love
- New life through initiation and conversion
- Breaking bread
- United together as the Body of Christ

Catechism content: #75, #456-463, #554-556, #1212, #1334-1338, #1391-1405,

### Unit Three: With You Always

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

*Matthew 28:20b*

- Jesus’ loving sacrifice
- Jesus risen
- The Holy Spirit, the giver of life
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit

Catechism content: #238-248, #425, #595-623, #631-658, #683-686, #730, #988-1019, #1113-1134, #1816, #1830-1832, #2099-2100

### Unit Four: I Am the Way

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

*John 14:12*

- Remembering Jesus through the Church and the Liturgy of the Word
- Free will and making moral choices
- Experiencing Jesus’ healing and forgiveness
- Answering Jesus’ call through Holy Orders and Matrimony

Catechism content: #124-127, #1145-1152, #1425-1429, #1443-1460, #1533-1535, #1777-1789

## Unit Five: I Am the Truth

“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

*John 18:37b*

- Being a servant-leader like Jesus
- Promoting ecumenism in diversity
- Being witnesses to Christ
- Working for peace and justice

Catechism content: #601, #608, #813-822, #1818, #2012-2016, #2302-2306, #2471-2474

## Unit Six: I Am the Life

“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

*John 6:63b*

- Living the Christian virtues
- Mary as a model of faith and trust
- Encouraging and being strengthened by Christian hope
- Following Jesus’ command to love one another

Catechism content: #144-149, #1042-1045, #1812-1829

## A Little Catechism

Jesus said to the Apostles, “I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do” (*John 13:15*). In Grade 7, the students learn about Jesus’ life of service and are called to follow his example—loving one another and being witnesses to his love and teaching. To become better followers of Jesus, the students will:

- Know God better by being familiar with the parts of the Old and New Testaments.
- Love God better by learning to pray the rosary and reflecting on the mysteries.
- Serve God better by knowing the liturgical calendar and respecting the Church feasts.

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“Make disciples of all nations.”  
*Matthew 28:19*

Unit One: Baptized in Christ

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I  
in the midst of them.”  
*Matthew 18:20*

- The value of participating in groups
- Being called to discipleship
- Many become one in the Body of Christ
- The Tradition of the Catholic Church

Catechism content: #33-35, #151-152, #338-340, #618, #849,  
#851-856, #1212, #1247-1249, #1253-1255, #1721, #1816

Unit Two: You Are Called

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no  
one will see the Lord.”  
*Hebrews 12:14*

- Knowing yourself to better serve God and others
- The family as a domestic church
- Qualities of Christian friendship
- Being part of a community of faith

Catechism content: #374, #871, #946-948, #1816, #1939-1942,  
#2179, #2197-2200, #2207-2211

### Unit Three: The Church Grows

“But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

*Matthew 13:8*

- Change and growth for Christians and the Church
- Spreading the Good News
- Renewing the Church and the Second Vatican Council
- The Church’s role and contributions in modern society

Catechism content: #26–73, #797–798, #811–870, #888–892, #894–896, #2239, #2241, #2244–2246, #2472

### Unit Four: Share Your Gifts

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

*Matthew 5:16*

- Making a difference through prayer and action
- Models of compassion, past and present
- Our duty to promote justice
- Practicing justice and peace in the world

Catechism content: #520, #857–865, #1807, #2304–2306, #2443–2448

## Unit Five: Seeking the Kingdom

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.”

*Matthew 6:33*

- The importance of prayer
- The transforming power of the Word of God
- Celebrating the Eucharist
- Continuing Jesus’ healing ministry

Catechism content: #1324-1327, #1373-1381, #1420-1421, #2559-2562, #2697-2699, #2765

## Unit Six: Building the Kingdom

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

*Romans 14:17*

- Recognizing the kingdom of God
- Attitudes and behaviors that help us to do God’s will
- Using your gifts to build the God’s kingdom
- Inspiring hope through leadership

Catechism content: #3, #91-93, #541-542, #544, #546, #1819-1820, #2013

## A Little Catechism

In Grade 8, the students learn about their membership in the Church. They understand that as active members of the Christian community, they are called to build the kingdom of God by using their time and talents to serve those in need and spread the Good News. To experience more fully the wonders of God's kingdom, the students will:

- Know God's will better by following the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.
- Love God better by learning about and celebrating the sacraments.
- Serve God better by practicing the cardinal virtues.