

# Grade 7 and 8 Religious Education

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# Start of Class Activity & Opening Prayer

- Please see the hand out
- Note – No class 11/21 – Thanksgiving break

# Mysteries of the Rosary

- Annunciation/Incarnation - The mystery by which the Son of God became man
- Ascension - The Feast we celebrate Jesus' going to heaven.
- Pentecost – Feast where the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles.
- Assumption - The event in which Mary was taken into heaven when her earthly life was ended.

# Beatitudes

- Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)
- 8 Blessings that describe holiness
- Chapter 5 concludes with “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect”. This is telling us to be holy.

# Liturgical Year

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

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<b>Advent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration: 4 weeks</li> <li>• Celebrating Jesus' birth and we anticipate His Second Coming</li> <li>• It starts the Liturgical Year</li> </ul>
<b>Christmas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration: 2-3 weeks</li> <li>• Celebrating Jesus' birth, the Holy Family, the Epiphany and His Baptism</li> <li>• We celebrate God being with us, salvation to all, and giving gifts.</li> </ul>
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration: 33-34 weeks</li> <li>• Celebrating Jesus' parables, miracles and teachings.</li> <li>• It is in two parts</li> </ul>
<b>Lent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration: 40 days, not including Sundays</li> <li>• Celebrating Jesus' fasting for 40 days that begins His Ministry and His Journey to Jerusalem that end with the Paschal Mystery.</li> <li>• It is a time for us to reflection on our lives and things we need to change.</li> </ul>
<b>Triduum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration: 3 days</li> <li>• Celebrating the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial.</li> <li>• It is a time of quiet reflection on the Sacrifice Jesus made for us.</li> </ul>
<b>Easter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration: 50 Days, From the Easter Vigil to Pentecost</li> <li>• Celebrating the Resurrection and Him defeating Sin, Death and the Devil.</li> <li>• It is a time of Joyful Celebration and a time to become aware of our Baptism and Baptismal vows that save us from Death and Sin.</li> </ul>

Easter

Triduum

Lent

# Christ the King

- The Feast of Christ the King is the last week in the Liturgical Year.
- We start Advent this week to start the new Liturgical year.
- What do we see in this picture?
- Why do we call Christ 'King'?



# Priest, Prophet and King

**Our Christian Faith** - Through our baptism we are anointed to God and we share in the 3 roles of Jesus

1. Priest – We offer sacrifice on behalf of others
2. Prophet – We talk about God – we proclaim belief in the God and his revelation in Scripture
3. King – We have stewardship over creation – We rule over it, but we also take care of it.

# What are some types of prayer?

- Adoration
- Blessing
- Thanksgiving
- Petition
- Intercession
- Praise
  
- As Catholics we prayer both privately and as a community:
  - in our rooms alone and
  - in Church or Class.



# God's Presence

- God is always present to us, and becomes more present to us when we focus our attention to him in prayer.
- At Church, Jesus is present to us specifically in four ways:
  - In the Scripture (specifically the Gospel)
  - In the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Christ)
  - In the priest (through the sacrament of Holy Orders)
  - In the gathered community (Mystical Body of Christ)

# Eucharist means “Thanksgiving”

- We shouldn't confuse the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ” with the American holiday of Thanksgiving. Instead we should know that Eucharist is the Greek word for Thanksgiving and used by the Gospel writers.
- Jesus often gave thanks to God before his miracles.
- Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks ([Matthew 15:36](#))
- Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them ([Luke 26:27](#))
- Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, ([John 6:11](#))

# The Greatest Commandment

- When Jesus was asked the greatest commandment in the whole Old Testament (over 500 to choose from!), Jesus replied:
  - To love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and will all your mind. This the Greatest and the First commandment
  - The second is like it: You shall love your
- The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

# Human Dignity

- What are some terms you would use to describe dignity?
- Where do you think we get the idea of human dignity?
- What are some specific thing you can do to show someone they have dignity? Who do you think needs to know they have dignity?

# Conscience and Responding to Grace

- Our conscience tells us what is right and wrong.
- Grace – God's gift that allows us to act more like God and follow his will.
- We receive Grace through the Sacraments.
- We receive sanctification by following God's invitation to Grace.
  - God initiates this invitation and we respond.
  - We receive these graces through what Jesus did on the cross.