

Third Grade Syllabus

Adventure Catechism – 2025-2026



Format for all chapters in Adventure Catechism

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 - **Video** – Play video that accompanies the chapter. You decide when you want to play the video – at beginning as an intro; in the middle as reinforcement; at the end, as a review.
 - Complete **chapter review** with class (answers in back of book).
 - **Saint and/or Scripture focus** for the chapter
 - **Activity/Craft/Worksheet** – if available
 - **End class with a prayer**
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September

9/22 or 9/23 – Supper Club Meet and Great

9/29 or 9/30

- **Chapter 3** – The Holy Bible
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What Is the Bible? – 8:04
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Bible? Dot-to-dot/What is the Bible coloring page
- **Back to hall last 20 minutes for Diocesan Inventory**



October

3rd & 4th Grade Mass - October 26th, 9:00 Mass

10/6 or 10/7

- **Chapter 4** – The Blessed Trinity
- **Chapter 5** – God Becomes Man
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** The Trinity/Names of Jesus
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Original Sin? – 7:00
- **Activity:** Read John 14:6-10 to help students understand Jesus’ distinctness from God. Use this as an opportunity to encourage students to pray to all persons of the Trinity, not just Jesus or God.



10/13 or 10/14 – Supper Club

10/20 or 10/21

- **Learn how to pray the Rosary (Chapter 30), led by Mrs. Canfield**





3rd Grade

10/27 or 10/28

- **Chapter 7** –The Perfect Sacrifice
- **Chapter 8**- Christ is Risen, Alleluia!
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Holy Week & Easter?/The Paschal Mystery fill in the letters
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Redemption? – 6:20
- **Activity:** pg. 137, 138. Pray the fifth sorrowful mystery of the rosary, the crucifixion, and the first glorious mystery, the resurrection.

November

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – November 23rd, 9:00 Mass

11/3 or 11/4

- **Chapter 10** – Pentecost and the Holy Spirit
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Holy Spirit Color by Number/Pentecost Word Search
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: Who is the Holy Spirit? – 7:58
- **Activity:** Make a Holy Spirit Bookmark with different symbols



11/10 or 11/11 – Supper Club

11/17 or 11/18

- **Chapter 11** –The Catholic Church
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet: Catholic Church (2)**
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Catholic Church? – 8:00
- **Activity** – Have each student draw what the church looks like to them—their parish, their priest, the Vatican, etc.—and write a small prayer beside it to pray at the end of class.

11/24 or 11/25

- **Circle of Grace** first half of Class led by Mrs. Canfield
- **Advent/Liturgical year 2nd half of Class** – Information forthcoming
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Advent?/Mary Says “Yes” coded phrase
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Advent? – 7:20
- **Activity:** -----



December

12/1 or 12/2

- **Chapter 12** – Service in the Church
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders? Color by numbers/Holy Order coloring page
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders? – 7:28
- **Activity** – Have each student write something they would like their peers’ prayers for. Anonymously read them one at a time, pausing for students to respond “Lord, hear our prayer”



12/8 or 12/9

- **Chapter 13** – The Domestic Church
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Domestic Church? Dot-to-dot/coloring page & Gaudete Sunday
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Matrimony? – 5:47
- **Activity:** Follow the reflection and prayer activity as described.



12/15 or 12/16

- **Chapter 28** & Chapter 29**:** Learning to Pray & Prayer Focus
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** How We Celebrate Christmas Worksheet/The Apostles’ Creed Word Search
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Prayer? 6:10
- **Activity:** “Build” the Church with the 4 Marks of the Church

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January

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1/5 or 1/6

- **Chapter 15**** –The Communion of Saints
- **Chapter 16** – Angels
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Communion of Saints? (2)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Communion of Saints? – 5:53
- **Activity:** Follow the prayer activity as described.



1/12 or 1/13 The Church Movie – Whole Grade

1/19 or 1/20 – Supper Club



1/26 or 1/27

- **Chapter 17** – Saved by Grace Through Faith
- **Chapter 18** – The Seven Sacraments
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What are the Sacraments? (2)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Sacraments? – 8:47
- **Activity:** Follow the activity as described.



2/2 or 2/3

- **Chapter 19** – Baptism
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Baptism? (2)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Baptism? – 5:44
- **Activity:** Jesus was Baptized Puzzle

February

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – February 8th, 9:00 Mass

2/9 or 2/10

- **Chapter 20:** The Holy Eucharist
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Eucharist? (2)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Eucharist? – 7:11
- **Activity:** Read and reflect on John 6:51-58. Where in this passage does Jesus make clear that the bread and wine are truly his body and blood?



2/23 or 2/24

- **Chapter 21** –The Holy Mass & **Lent**
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Jesus is Present/
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Mass – 10:03
- **Activity:** Follow the prayer/reflection activity as described.

March

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – March 22nd, 9:00 Mass

3/2 or 3/3

- **Chapter 22** - Reconciliation
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Confession/What is Penance?
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Confession? – 7:00
- **Activity:** Have students write a letter to a future-self who hasn't been to confession in a while. What are the benefits? Why should they go? And Jesus Forgives Peter worksheet

3/9 or 3/10

- **Chapter 23 & 24**– The Ten Commandments & The Greatest Commandment
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Greatest Commandment word search/Two Greatest Commandments?
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Two Great Commandments? – 7:00
- **Activity:** Examination of conscience activity, as described.



3/16 or 3/17

- **Chapter 25** – The Beatitudes
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What are the Beatitudes? (2)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Beatitudes? – 8:13
- **Activity:** A Change of Heart – Will send you info week before class

3/23 or 3/24 – Supper Club

3/30 or 3/31

- **Chapter 26** – A Life of Virtue
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What are Virtues? (2)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Virtues? _ 7:28
- **Activity:** Confession? Jesus' last days



April

4/6 or 4/7

- **Chapter 26 & Diocesan Inventory** – Prayer
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Prayer (Monstrance)/ Our Father crossword puzzle
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Prayer? – 6:10

4/13 or 4/14

- **Game Day.....Last Class**