

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFIRMATION TEST/INTERVIEW

STUDY GUIDE

STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW EVERYTHING LISTED BUT MAY OR MAY NOT BE TESTED ON EVERYTHING

GOD

Who is God?

God is the creator of the universe; the redeemer and sanctifier of its creatures.

How many persons are there in God?

In God there are 3 Divine Persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

What do we mean by the Blessed Trinity?

By the Blessed Trinity we mean one and the same God in 3 Divine Persons.

Who is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity?

God the Father

Who is the 2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity?

God the Son

Who is the 3rd Person of the Blessed Trinity?

God the Holy Spirit

JESUS CHRIST

Who is the Savior of all men and women?

Jesus Christ

What is the chief teaching of the Catholic Church about Jesus?

Jesus Christ is true God and true man, and He was sent by God the Father to save us.

Is Jesus Christ more than one person?

No. Jesus Christ is only one person.

How many natures does Jesus Christ have?

Two. The nature of God and the nature of man.

Was the Son of God always man?

The Son of God was not always man but became man at the Incarnation.

What is the Incarnation?

The mystery of God becoming man (Jesus Christ) through the Holy Spirit and being born of the Virgin Mary.

Why is Jesus the Messiah?

He saved his people by his life, death, and resurrection.

What day do we commemorate as the day Jesus died?

Good Friday

What day do we commemorate as the day Jesus rose from the dead?

Easter Sunday

What are the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross recount everything that happened to Jesus from the time He was condemned to death to the time that He was laid in the tomb.

What is Redemption?

It is Jesus dying on the cross to save us from our sins and to make it possible to enter Heaven.

What is the Resurrection?

The raising of Jesus from the dead by God the Father.

What is the Ascension?

When Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven, 40 days after the Resurrection.

Will Jesus return to earth again?

Although we do not know when or where, we believe Christ will come again. (the Second Coming)

HOLY SPIRIT**What is Pentecost?**

Pentecost occurred 50 days after the Resurrection. The Holy Spirit descended upon the 12 Apostles in the Upper Room, appearing as tongues of fire.

What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit guides the Church by serving as a source of truth and unity.

What are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit?

- 1) Fear of the Lord:** The gift to stand before God with awe and respect.
- 2) Piety:** The gift of love and devotion that leads one into a relationship with God
- 3) Counsel:** The gift to know God's will.
- 4) Wisdom:** The gift to know how to do God's will.
- 5) Fortitude:** The gift of strength and power to do God's will.
- 6) Knowledge:** The gift to know that the revealed truths of God are true.
- 7) Understanding:** The gift to comprehend the revealed truths of God.

When do we first receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are first received at baptism.

If we already possess the gifts of the Holy spirit, why do we need to receive them at Confirmation?

For those baptized as infants, the actual exercise of these gifts begins only after the person has reached the age of reason, and then these gifts are sealed and strengthened within us.

What are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

The fruits of the spirit are supernatural acts that flow from living out the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.
(Students **do not need to memorize** the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.)

THE BIBLE**What are the two main parts of the Bible?**

The Old Testament and the New Testament

What is the time period of the Old Testament?

From creation until just before Christ was born

What is a prophet?

A prophet is one who was chosen by God to be His messenger or spokesman. They were to bring people back to God and to tell them about coming events, especially the birth and life of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist was the last and greatest of God's prophets.

What is the time period of the New Testament?

From the time of Jesus' birth to the life of the early Church

What is a Gospel?

A Gospel tells about what Jesus said and did.

Who are the 4 Gospel Writers?

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Students must memorize and know the 10 Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

To whom did God give the 10 Commandments?

God gave Moses the 10 Commandments on Mount Sinai

What are we commanded by the 1st Commandment?

We are commanded to offer to God alone the supreme worship that is due to Him.

What are we commanded by the 2nd Commandment?

We are commanded to always speak with reverence of God, of the saints and of holy things, and to be truthful in taking oaths and faithful to the and to our vows.

What are we commanded by the 3rd Commandment?

We are commanded to worship God by going to Mass on Sunday and Holy days of Obligation

What are we commanded by the 4th Commandment?

We are commanded to offer to respect and love our parents, to obey them in all that is not sinful and to help them when they are in need.

What are we commanded by the 5th Commandment?

We are commanded to take proper care of our own spiritual and bodily well-being and that of our neighbor.

What are we commanded by the 6th and 9th Commandment?

We are commanded to be pure and modest in our behavior.

What are we commanded by the 7th and 10th Commandment?

We are commanded to respect what belongs to others, and avoid the temptation of wanting what other people have

What are we commanded by the 8th Commandment?

We are commanded to offer to speak the truth in all things, but especially in what concerns the good name and honor of others.

MARY

Who is Mary?

Jesus' Mother

What is the Immaculate Conception?

Mary being free from sin from the first moment of HER conception in the womb of her mother Saint Ann

Who appeared to Mary and told her she was to become the mother of Jesus?

The angel Gabriel

What is the name of this event?

The Annunciation

What is the Assumption?

Mary is assumed body and soul into Heaven.

SACRAMENTS

What is a Sacrament?

An outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

What is Grace?

Grace is God's presence within us.

What are the effects of Grace?

- 1) Grace makes us holy and pleasing to God
- 2) Grace makes us adopted children of God
- 3) Grace makes us temples of the Holy Spirit
- 4) Grace gives us the right of Heaven

What are the 7 Sacraments?

- 1) Baptism
- 2) Penance
- 3) Holy Communion
- 4) Confirmation
- 5) Matrimony
- 6) Holy Orders
- 7) Anointing of the Sick

What is Baptism?

The Sacrament that gives our souls new life, makes us children of God and members of the Christian community, the Church. Baptism washes away original sin and gives us grace.

What is Penance (Reconciliation, Confession)?

The sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of a priest.

What are the elements of the penitent (person confessing their sins?)

- 1) To be truly sorry for sin because of offending God (Contrition)
- 2) To examine one's conscience
- 3) To confess all mortal sins
- 4) To receive and perform penance
- 5) To say an act of contrition- receive absolution

What are the 3 conditions of mortal sin?

- 1) Grave matter (serious sin)
- 2) Sufficient reflection (awareness that it's a serious sin)
- 3) Full consent of the will (you do it anyway)

What is the Seal of Confession?

The most solemn obligation of a priest to keep secret everything that has been revealed in confession.

What is Holy Communion?

Receiving Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine.

How does one receive Communion worthily?

By being free from mortal sin, having fasted for one hour before receiving communion, and truly believe that you are receiving Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity.

When, where and by whom was the Holy Eucharist instituted?

On Holy Thursday, at the Last Supper, by Jesus Christ

What other sacrament was instituted at the Last Supper?

Holy Orders

What is Transubstantiation?

When the entire substance of the bread and wine changes into the body and blood of Christ at the words of consecration uttered at Mass by a priest.

What are the 2 parts of the Mass?

The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

When must Catholics attend Mass?

Sundays (or Saturday Vigil) and Holy Days of Obligation

Why do we have to go to Mass?

Because it allows us to participate in the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary and gives us strength to live as His disciples.

What are the Holy Days of Obligation?

- 1) Mary the Mother of God
- 2) Ascension Thursday
- 3) Assumption
- 4) All Saints Day
- 5) Immaculate Conception
- 6) Christmas

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way, strengthening the special gifts we received at Baptism, and helps us to profess our faith as strong witnesses of Christ. It is the last of the Sacraments of Initiation.

What sacred oil is used to anoint those receiving Confirmation?

Chrism

Why can the Sacrament of Confirmation only be received once?

The mark that is imprinted on your soul in Confirmation cannot be removed. Because of this indelible mark, Confirmation, like Baptism (and Holy Orders) can only be received once.

Name some effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Perfects baptismal grace
Seals us with the mark of the Holy Spirit
Gives us special grace for defending and witnessing to our faith.
Roots us more deeply as sons and daughters of God.
Infuses us with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.
Perfects our bond with the Church.

When did the Holy Spirit come down on the Apostles?

On Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter Sunday. *You must be familiar with the story as it is recorded in Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4*

What is necessary to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation properly?

To be in the state of grace and to know the chief truths and duties of our religion.

Why do we take the name of a saint?

So that we may pray in a special way to the particular saint of his/her intercession. We usually pick the name of a saint whose life resembles our own or whose life we admire; we may also pick the name of a saint that is the name of someone in our own life that we admire.

What are the sacraments of initiation?

- 1) Baptism
- 2) Holy Eucharist
- 3) Confirmation

THE CHURCH**What is the Church?**

The Church is the community of Baptized persons assembled by God.

Who founded the Church?

Jesus Christ

Which person of the Blessed Trinity guides the Church?

Holy Spirit

When was the Holy Spirit first visibly manifested to the Church?

At Pentecost

What does the Holy Spirit enable the Church to do?

The Holy Spirit enables the Church to teach, govern and sanctify.

What are the Marks of the Church?

- 1) One – Unity of all members of Christ
- 2) Holy – Called to live in love with God and Others
- 3) Catholic – “Universal” open to people of every nation, status, religion, race and color
- 4) Apostolic – Rooted in the Apostles of Jesus Christ

Which Apostle was the first Pope?

St. Peter

Who is our current Pope?

Pope Leo XIV

What is the name of our Diocese?

The Diocese of Joliet

Who is the Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet?

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies

Who is the Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish?

Reverend William De Salvo

What are the precepts of the Catholic Church?

- 1) You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- 2) You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- 3) You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season
- 4) You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
- 5) You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

PRAYER

What is prayer?

Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God.

Why do we pray?

- 1) To worship God
- 2) In Thanksgiving
- 3) For Forgiveness
- 4) To ask for Graces and blessings for ourselves and others

Memorize the Sign of the Cross

Memorize the Our Father

Memorize the Hail Mary

Memorize the Glory Be

Memorize the Act of Contrition

What is Heaven?

The place and condition of perfect happiness with God forever.

What is Hell?

The place and condition of never-ending separation from God.