

Grade 8 Religion Curriculum Outline

In Middle School, students will be exploring these 7 essential questions:

1. Who is Jesus and what do we believe about him?
 - Jesus as both fully human and fully divine
2. How do the sacraments and liturgy help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus?
 - 8th Graders will be paired with a 2nd grade student to help them prepare for their 1st Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
3. How does living a moral life help us to live a life of discipleship with Jesus?
 - Cardinal and Theological Virtues
 - Living the Catholic Faith
 - Relationship between Science and the Church
 - God - Given Gifts
4. How does understanding scripture help us to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus?
 - Bible Jigsaw (Old and New Testament)
5. How does prayer deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit and draw us closer to Jesus?
 - 5 Types of Prayer
6. How does knowledge of the mystical body of Christ and participation in the life of our parish help us to carry out Jesus's mission in the world?
 - 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
 - Community Service
7. What is Jesus calling each one of us to do in the life of the Church?
 - History of the Catholic Church

Middle School students will be exploring these questions by...

- Participating in small group and whole class discussions
- Personal Reflections
- Group and individual projects (posters, Google Slides etc.)
- Quizzes and Tests
- Homework assignments (written and on Google Classroom)
- Community service projects
- Reading and reflecting on Scripture and other Catholic resources*

*Students in grades 6 - 8 will also be using the *Created for Love* program that has been mandated through the Archdiocese of Boston created by the Respect Life Education Office. This will be used to supplement some of our essential questions.