**2019-20 Rel. Ed. Sessions: Grade 3**

**Goal:** Class & Family goal for the year is to learn the **Rosary**. Try to pray a decade of the rosary at least every couple of weeks in class & once per week at home.

Start Practicing by reciting the **Our Father**, **Hail Mary**, & **Glory Be** during class prayer times. Pg 241 & 246 text.

**Notes:**

1. Remember to Use Additional Resources Besides the Text.

2. Go to: <http://www.sadlier.com/religion> , under Resource Centers for ideas & suggested activities. I would recommend going specifically to the Sadlier Religion Blog:  <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog> . In the gray bar beneath the page title, you will see various core areas to click into; this filters down all the available resources into these topics- Catechetical, Sacraments, Seasons and Feasts, Professional Development, Resources and Topics.  If you hover over each of these areas, you will see how they are further filtered down into additional specific areas.    There is also a ‘Search’ feature at the top of the page; this is handy if you are looking for something very specific. I would recommend starting at ‘Catechetical’ then K-6.  Many of the articles all of the sections offer downloadable and printable documents that can be used in the classroom.  I would also recommend subscribing to the Sadlier Religion Blog offered at the bottom of the page.   This allows the blog to send out emails with timely resources for planning and implementing our Sadlier programs.

3. Contact John (~2 weeks in advance please -ideally the Wednesday before class) to have Fr. Charlie help with any class (he rotates between the 2 parishes so we need to schedule him in advance.

**#1 Lesson:** Sept. 8

1. Behavioral Expectations & Getting Acquainted
2. Start Chapter 1 – God Sends Us His Own Son

**#2 Lesson:** Sept. 15

1. **Parent Open House /Meeting** for the first (15) minutes of class today (details below).
2. **Circle of Grace - Safety Class** (Be sure to pass out any parent handouts that go with your lesson)

**The Plan: Parent Open House**

For the class this Sunday, we will not have our regular Community Time segment. Instead, we will use the first (15) minutes (not more -please) of class for these grade level parent meetings. Parents are asked to bring their children directly to their respective grade level classroom. If you have two or more children in the program, you can either have your spouse/partner attend one meeting (& you the other) or simply attend the meeting of your youngest child first & then move on to the others as time allows. We will resume our Community Time segment next week.

1. Each grade level catechist will decide ahead of time if her /his class room is large enough to accommodate the gathering. If so, they will have the meeting in the classroom (even if it is a bit cramped). If not, you will follow the teaching team outside (the weather is forecasted to be exceptionally good through next Wednesday!) to a spot where you can all circle up & get acquainted.
2. Each head catechist will lead the introductions. They will start by introducing him/herself & will then ask rest of the teaching team to do the same.
3. **Then, ask each parent to introduce him /herself. Have each child do the same. Additionally, ask each parent to mention what he /she hopes for in regards to their child being in the program.**
4. Finally, the catechist will then mention a few final details. In case time runs short, I’ll include some of the most important items here:

Textbooks can go home this year for grades 1-5 if the parents wish to take them.

If they do so, they are responsible for bringing them back each week (*please don’t write in them*).

Also, each grade will have a lesson calendar that will be emailed directly to the families (& posted on the church website).

Absences should be made up by going over the missed content at home (using the textbook & lesson calendar) & to connect with the grade level catechist for more details.

**#3** **Lesson:** Sept. 22

1. Finish Chapter 1
2. Chapter 2 – Jesus Teaches Us about God’s Love

**#4 Lesson:** Sept. 29

1. Chapter 3 – Christ Will Come Again

**#5** **Lesson:** Oct. 6

1. Chapter 4 – The Church Begins

**#6 Lesson:** Oct. 13

1. Chapter 5 – The Early Church

**#7** **Lesson:** Oct. 27 All Saint’s Day is Nov. 1 /All Soul’s Day -Nov. 2

1. Chapter 25 – We are God’s Holy People (the Communion of Saints, etc.)
2. Note: the Thanksgiving Food Drive Starts Today!

**#8 Nov. 3 – Family Class #1**

**#9** **Lesson:** Nov. 10 Chapter 6-7 (Combine) - The Church Year & Ordinary Time

**#10** **Lesson:**  Nov. 17 *Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends Today!*

1. Chapter 13-14 – Advent & Christmas

**#11** Lesson: Dec. 8

1. Chapter 8 – 4 Marks of the Church
2. Children from Grades 3-8 will be encouraged to go to confession during class time today. Use your aids to ferry any of your children that wish to go over to the church & back. Check in with John for more details.

**#12 Dec. 15 --- Family Class #2** Advent #3

**#13** **Lesson:** Jan. 5

1. Chapter 9 – The Church Teaches Us
* Lesson will focus on learning the Apostle’s Creed. Father Charlie to come in and go through the creed line by line with the kids to explain what they’re saying they believe and answer any questions.

**#14 Jan. 12 --- Family Class #3**

**#15** **Lesson:** Jan. 19 **Rosary Class**

**#16** **Lesson:** Feb. 2

1. Chapter 17 – We Worship at Mass

**#17 Lesson:**  Feb. 9 **3rd Grade Children’s Mass is Today**

1. Liturgy coordinators will meet with you today to prep. for your Mass today.
2. **Consider making posters with the kids during Mass preparations that include pictures /scenes of our Church & community along with phrases like “The Lord Needs You” /”the Body of Christ needs You” or “please join our Catholic Community”**
3. **We could schedule a special coffee & donuts gathering after Mass if the children are interested -contact John to discuss & plan.**

**#18** **Lesson:** Feb. 16

1. Chapter 10 – The Church Prays

**#19** **Lesson:** Mar. 8  Lent #2

1. Chapter 12 – God Calls Us to Holiness (Vocations)
2. Contact John to have Fr. Charlie help with this class.

**#20 Mar. 15 --- Family Class #4** Lent #3

**#21** **Lesson:** Mar. 22 **Elem-MS Lenten Penance Service** **-- grades 2-8** Lent #5

1. Final Review after confessions

**#22 Apr. 5 --- Family Class #5** Lent #6