

**Sacred Heart School**  
**Grade 5 Course Syllabi**

Religion  
Grade 5

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**Course Description:** The purpose of the fifth grade religion program is to deepen the students' relationship with God and further develop their understanding of the Mass and Sacraments. The religion program also focuses on moral and social development as well as the changes and responsibilities that occur as they grow and mature.

**Course Content:** Discussion and review of the Sacraments and the Mass, learning about respect for God, family, friends, and self, further developing a relationship with God, and in Family Life - recognizing their uniqueness as they change physically and emotionally and as they mature and learn about responsibilities and commitment.

**General Course Objectives:**

**Church:**

The student will:

- Reflect on the Church – one, holy, Catholic, apostolic – as People of God, called together by the Holy Spirit.
- Explain how the Church is the sacrament of Christ in the world.
- Discuss that Mary is the Mother of the Church.
- Participate in the Church as a celebrating community.
- List the liturgical feasts and seasons of the Church.

**Doctrine:**

The student will:

- Recall that God came into our world to save us.
- Recognize that Jesus is a visible sign of God's love.
- Fully appreciate and understand that the Creed is the declaration of our Catholic beliefs: One God (Trinity), redemption, sanctification, Mary – Mother of God, Communion of Saints.

**Liturgy/Sacraments:**

The student will:

- Relate that the Church was born on the feast of Pentecost.
- Recognize the grace of God through the special gifts and symbolic actions of the sacraments.
- Prepare and celebrate the paraliturgical prayer services, Stations of the Cross, benediction, rosary.
- Examine calls to vowed religious life.

**Scripture:**

The student will:

- Recall that the promise of love and partnership God made with Moses and the Hebrew people is a covenant.
- Research the life of Jesus as both divine and human, as told in the Gospels.
- Name the four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

**Morality/Family Life:**

The student will:

- Identify that the two Great Commandments are the basis of Catholic morality.
- Comprehend that the Ten Commandments are the laws by which we form a right conscience.
- Comprehend that the Beatitudes are the fulfillment and perfection of the Ten Commandments.
- Indicate that we are capable of intimacy and trust of others.
- Affirm that life is precious, especially the human body of oneself and others.
- Demonstrate the steps in making responsible, moral decisions.
- Illustrate how our conscience helps us to know what is right and do what we believe is right.

**Catholic Social Teachings:**

The student will:

- Identify that God created all persons of different races and cultures but all are one.
- Exhibit an appreciation and celebration of racial and ethnic differences.
- Examine ways of working for a more just and fair world.

**Service/Christian Witness:**

The student will:

- Explain that the Church teaches us to reach out to others, especially the poor and the needy.
- Demonstrate how Christian living involves imitating Christ, who “Came not to be served, but to serve”.
- Recall that everyone receives a vocation through the Holy Spirit.
- Personally explain that our vocation is a response to the call, in the light of the Holy Spirit’s gifts.

**Prayer:**

The student will:

- Review all previously learned prayers of the Mass: Gloria, Creed, Confiteor.
- Instill the practice to pray daily as a way to talk to God and listen to God's Will.
- Recognize sacramental ritual prayers.
- Recite the rosary with an awareness of the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries.
- Know how to pray the Stations of the Cross.

**Course Materials:** Textbook – Blest Are We, RCL Benziger, 2013

**Instructional Strategies:** Whole class discussion, Group projects, Partner work, Role modeling, Readings, Music, Independent learning

**Assessment:** Teacher observation, Class participation/discussion, Completion of projects, Tests/Quizzes