



Course Content Benchmark for Religion

The following benchmark outlines the basic expectations of what students are expected to know at the end of each grade level for Religion.

Pre-Kindergarten

- Prayers
- Helping Others
- Community Service Project
- Advent and Lenten Projects
- Weekly Seeds Program
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel

Kindergarten

- God's Love Creates the Universe
- God's Love Makes Me Who I Am
- God's Love Gives Me People to Love
- God's Love Gives Me Jesus
- God' Love Teaches Me to Love
- Catholic Prayers
- Liturgical Seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Holy Days)
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel

Grade 1

- Church Community
- Celebrating Mass
- God's Word
- Praising God in Song and Prayer
- Forgiveness and Giving Thanks to Our God
- The Sacraments
- The Holy Spirit
- Church Feasts and Seasons
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

Grade 2

- Church community
- Good, ethical choices
- Difference between right and wrong
- God's forgiveness
- God's creation story
- God's love for us

- The Bible: Old and New Testament
- Seven sacraments
- Jesus in death, resurrection, and presence in the Eucharist
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

Grade 3

- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion
- The Church is one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic
- The Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)
- Praying for others
- The Blessed Trinity
- Catholics are "open to all"
- The Mass
- How to serve others
- Feasts and Seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter)
- Saints
- Mary
- Learn the Rosary
- Social Justice
- Family Life

Grade 4

- God's Goodness and Forgiveness
- The Works of Mercy
- Praise and Thanksgiving
- The Ten Commandments and God's Covenant
- The Beatitudes
- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The Sacraments of the Church
- Our Vocation in the World
- Church Seasons and Feast Days
- Church Saints
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

Grade 5

- The Creation Story
- Signs of Faith
- Grace and Forgiveness
- The Eucharist and Eucharistic Prayer
- Liturgical Seasons: Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter
- The Apostles Creed
- The Lord's Prayer
- Seven Sacraments
- The Beatitudes
- Sacramentals, Prayer, Devotions



- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

Grade 6

- The Bible
- Scripture Passages
- Revelation and Our Response
- The Eucharist Sacrifice
- The Covenant
- Piety and Joseph
- Slavery and Deliverance/ The Exodus
- Passover and the Eucharistic Celebration
- The Ten Commandants
- Discernment
- God's Kingdom/The First Leaders of Israel
- The Ark and the Temple
- The Story of the Fall and David's Sin
- Psalms
- Disobedience and Guidance
- The Liturgical Year: Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

Grade 7

- The Kingdom of God
- Servants of the Kingdom
- Justice and the Kingdom of God
- The Life of Jesus
- Living in Christ's Service
- Jesus and the Eucharist
- Christ's Love and Healing
- The Persecution, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus
- The Call to Discipleship
- The Early Church
- The Church Today
- The Holy Spirit
- The Liturgical Year: Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost
- Feasts and Seasons
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

Grade 8

- The Church as Apostolic: Founded on the Apostles
- The Church as Holy: Jesus and the Sacraments
- The Church as Catholic: Open and Respectful of All
- The Church as One: Praying for Unity
- Church Councils, Cultures, and Conflicts
- Liturgy and Unity/Worship and Beauty



- The Church and the Empire
- The Quest for Salvation
- Faith Expressed and Lived
- The Liturgy
- Reforming the Church
- Seeking a Common Prayer
- Devotions
- Feasts and Seasons
- Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Morality and Salvation
- Modern Ecumenical Councils A Prayer for the Church
- Review of Sunday's liturgy/readings and gospel
- Family Life

