

Second Grade

- **Encountering God revealed through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the stories of everyday human experience**
 - Experiencing God as the Holy Trinity = three persons in one God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).
 - We are praying to the Holy Trinity when we pray the Sign of the Cross.
 - We experience signs of God's holiness, wisdom, power, and love when in nature, in family life, and in civic life.
 - We can tell the Christmas story, as well as what occurred on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.
 - We think about Mary's role in Jesus' life, our life, and the life of the Church.
 - We know that the Bible is God's living word that reveals God to us.
- **Honoring Christ's presence in liturgy, participating in liturgical celebrations and the sacraments**
 - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation are the sacraments of initiation and are signs of God's action in our lives.
 - Grace is a special gift of love and action in our lives.
 - Eucharist means thanksgiving and His real presence is found in this sacrament.
 - Jesus works in the Church through the Holy Spirit and the sacraments.
 - We build the habit of examining our conscience in preparation for our First Reconciliation.
 - We use the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes to identify right and wrong.
- **Encountering the Holy Spirit in expressions of prayer**
 - Prayer helps us be close to God
 - Our prayers fall into one of four categories; adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and petition.
 - We are united to one another through our active participation at Mass.
 - We know what it means to have faith in God.
 - We learn the Act of Contrition in preparation for our First Reconciliation.
- **Learning Jesus' story to inspire a life of virtue**
 - We learn about conscience and free will.
 - Sin is turning from God and choosing to do wrong.
 - Love is the act of turning towards God and doing what is right.
 - We respect ourselves and others because we are all made in God's image and likeness.
- **Learning how to become a disciple (student of Christ) and discovering one's role in the body of Christ (vocation)**
 - Belonging to the parish helps us grow closer to God and feel part of a community.
 - The Communion of Saints helps connect us all (the faithful ones living and dead) because we are one body.
 - Being a disciple is how we love and serve one another.
 - Our vocation is God's mission for our lives; it is a calling from God.
 - Christian stewardship is the responsibility of maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed.