

WORD OF LIFE GRADE 3 PARISH SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

Unit 1	Created for Communion
Chapter 1	The Invitation to Communion
Proclamation	God calls us to be in communion with Him and with one another now and forever.
Focus 1	We are called to communion with God (see Luke 11:28).
Focus 2	Jesus, the Word-made-flesh, knocks on the doors of our hearts.
Focus 3	True happiness comes from communion with God and a life of grace and virtue.
Focus 4	When we read the Bible, we can understand God’s plan to bring us into full communion with Him.
Chapter 2	God Is Love
Proclamation	God is love, and He shares His love with us.
Focus 1	God is the Blessed Trinity—one God in three Divine Persons (see Matthew 28:19).
Focus 2	The Blessed Trinity is a perfect communion of love.
Focus 3	God gives us the theological virtues to strengthen us in holiness.
Focus 4	We are called to love like God.
Chapter 3	Creation: God’s Gift of Love
Proclamation	God created the world to share His love with us.
Focus 1	God is the Creator of all things (see Genesis 1:1–2:3).
Focus 2	God created all visible things out of nothing.
Focus 3	God created all that is invisible.
Focus 4	God entrusted His gift of creation to us to care for and to use for our good.
Chapter 4	The Human Person
Proclamation	We are created in the image and likeness of God to give ourselves as gifts of love.
Focus 1	God created man and woman in His image and likeness (see Genesis 1:26).
Focus 2	Human persons are created with a body and a rational soul.
Focus 3	God created all people with great dignity.
Focus 4	God created man and woman to be a gift to each other in the Sacrament of Matrimony.
Unit 2	The Communion of Love Is Broken
Chapter 5	God’s Promise of a Savior
Proclamation	Through Original Sin, an infinite chasm between us and God was created, but God promised a Savior.
Focus 1	Our communion with God was broken, and our communion with one another was damaged (see Genesis 3:1–6, 8–9, 22–24).
Focus 2	Adam and Eve lost their communion with God and their original holiness through Original Sin.
Focus 3	Adam and Eve damaged their relationship with each other through Original Sin.
Focus 4	God promised a Savior, who would heal the infinite chasm caused by Original Sin.

Chapter 6	God's Chosen People
Proclamation	Even though our communion with God was broken, God promised to love and take care of His people.
Focus 1	God washed the earth clean of sin (see Genesis 6:5–22; 7:17–24).
Focus 2	God made a covenant with Noah and his family (see Genesis 8:20–9:17).
Focus 3	God promised to make of Abram a great nation, a great name, and a great blessing (see Genesis 12:1–5; 17:4–5).
Focus 4	God increased His Chosen People through Abraham's descendants.
Chapter 7	God's Faithfulness and Our Unfaithfulness
Proclamation	God remained faithful even when His Chosen People were unfaithful.
Focus 1	The Israelites struggled to remain faithful to God. But God remained faithful by sending Moses (see Exodus 3:11–14).
Focus 2	God gave His people the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 19:1–8; 20:1–17; 31:18; 32:1–6, 19).
Focus 3	To be virtuous, we must follow the Ten Commandments. If we do not, we can form vices.
Focus 4	Israel became a kingdom but failed to remain faithful to God (see 1 Samuel 16:1–13; 2 Samuel 7:1–18).

Unit 3	Jesus Repairs the Communion of Love
Chapter 8	Jesus and the Kingdom of God
Proclamation	Jesus is the Savior of the world, who has come to establish the Kingdom of God.
Focus 1	Jesus came into the world as our Savior. He is fully God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and fully human.
Focus 2	Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.
Focus 3	We enter the Kingdom of God like a child.
Focus 4	Jesus established the Church as the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth.
Chapter 9	The Paschal Mystery: Proof of God's Love
Proclamation	Through Jesus' suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, we can enter into communion with God.
Focus 1	Jesus suffered and died for our sins (see Matthew 27:24–31; John 19:17–42).
Focus 2	Jesus' suffering and Death redeem us and atone for our sins.
Focus 3	Jesus accomplished His mission.
Focus 4	Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension show us that He has won the victory over sin and death.

Unit 4	We Receive God's Grace
Chapter 10	The Coming of the Holy Spirit
Proclamation	The Holy Spirit pours grace and virtues into our hearts.
Focus 1	The Holy Spirit descended on the Church on Pentecost (see Acts of the Apostles 2:1–12).
Focus 2	The Holy Spirit sanctifies us by infusing us with sanctifying grace and virtue.
Focus 3	The first two cardinal virtues are fortitude and justice.
Focus 4	The second two cardinal virtues are temperance and prudence.
Chapter 11	The Church Draws Us to God
Proclamation	God's plan is to call all people into communion with Him through the Church.
Focus 1	God's plan is to "unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (Ephesians 1:10).
Focus 2	We each have a role in the Body of Christ—the Church.
Focus 3	There are four marks of the one true Church established by Christ.
Focus 4	The one true Church is catholic and apostolic.

Chapter 12	We Worship in the Liturgy and the Sacraments
Proclamation	Worship at Mass draws us into communion with God.
Focus 1	God works in us today through the liturgy (see 1 Corinthians 11:23–26).
Focus 2	We worship God in the liturgy and through grace are drawn into deeper communion with Him.
Focus 3	The liturgy sanctifies time.
Focus 4	The liturgical life of the Church revolves around the eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments.
Chapter 13	The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
Proclamation	In Baptism, we receive new life. In Confirmation, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.
Focus 1	In Baptism, we participate in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus (see Romans 6:3–4).
Focus 2	The many signs of Baptism reveal the graces and fruits of Baptism.
Focus 3	In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Focus 4	The visible signs of Confirmation reveal the coming and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Chapter 14	The Sacraments of Healing
Proclamation	Through the sacraments of healing, Jesus heals and strengthens us.
Focus 1	Jesus can heal us by forgiving our sins and healing us when we are sick (see Mark 2:1–12).
Focus 2	The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins.
Focus 3	We receive God’s merciful love in the Rite of Reconciliation.
Focus 4	God heals in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (see James 5:14–15).
Chapter 15	The Sacraments at the Service of Communion
Proclamation	We are all called to vocations of love and service to God and one another.
Focus 1	Our vocation and the sacraments at the service of communion are callings from God to serve in a unique way (see Hebrews 5:4).
Focus 2	Those who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishops, priests, and deacons.
Focus 3	The Sacrament of Matrimony is the union of a man and a woman in free, total, faithful, and fruitful love.
Focus 4	The Sacrament of Matrimony is for the love and holiness of the couple as well as the creation and holiness of the family.
Unit 5	At Mass, We Worship God
Chapter 16	The Eucharistic Sacrifice
Proclamation	In the Eucharist, we unite ourselves with Jesus to become like Him.
Focus 1	At the Mass, Jesus’ Paschal Mystery is made present to us (see Luke 22:19–20).
Focus 2	The eucharistic sacrifice at the Mass is the new Passover.
Focus 3	Jesus is present in both parts of the Mass.
Focus 4	We become more like whom we receive and are sent out to continue the mission of Jesus.

Unit 6	Our Life in Christ
Chapter 17	God's Laws Guide Us to Holiness
Proclamation	God's laws guide us to true happiness and holiness.
Focus 1	When we listen to and follow God's Word and His laws, our lives are like a house that is built on solid rock (see Matthew 7:24–27).
Focus 2	God's moral laws are made known through revelation as well as reason and experience.
Focus 3	The Ten Commandments tell us how to love God.
Focus 4	The Ten Commandments tell us how to love others.
Chapter 18	Making Virtuous Choices
Proclamation	We respond to God's love for us by making good and holy choices.
Focus 1	When we make morally good choices and follow God's laws, we are like the tree planted in streams of water that bears fruit (see Psalm 1).
Focus 2	In order to be virtuous persons of character, we must avoid sin and temptation.
Focus 3	We can live according to God's laws by listening to our well-formed consciences.
Focus 4	To form our consciences, we need to develop the virtue of prudence.
Chapter 19	Our Life in Christ
Proclamation	We are truly happy and fulfilled when we choose to live in God's love and goodness.
Focus 1	The Beatitudes teach us how we are to be virtuous and find true and perfect happiness as disciples of Jesus (see Matthew 5:1–12).
Focus 2	Our call to live lives of Christian beatitude is possible only through God's grace.
Focus 3	God created us with free will—the ability to choose to love God.
Focus 4	To live like Christ, which is to live virtuously, is to be truly free.
Chapter 20	Our Life of Prayer
Proclamation	Prayer is lifting up our hearts and minds to God by talking and listening to Him.
Focus 1	Jesus teaches us how to pray (see Matthew 6:9–15).
Focus 2	Prayer is the raising up of our minds and hearts to God.
Focus 3	Vocal prayer is the first level of prayer and essential to our lives as Christians.
Focus 4	Jesus teaches us to pray always and to persevere in prayer (see Luke 11:5–13).
Unit 7	Our Mission in Christ
Chapter 21	Called to Love and Serve Others
Proclamation	As followers of Jesus, our mission is to love and serve one another.
Focus 1	As followers of Jesus, we are called to love and care for others (see Matthew 25:31–40).
Focus 2	Every human person is created with dignity.
Focus 3	We are called to promote and protect the common good.
Focus 4	Through Baptism, we share in Jesus' mission.

Chapter 22	God Gathers His People
Proclamation	God gathers His people to Himself.
Focus 1	God gathers His people to Himself (see Revelation 7:9–17).
Focus 2	Mary, the Mother of God, is the Queen of God’s kingdom.
Focus 3	Mary is the perfect example of all virtues, especially the cardinal virtues.
Focus 4	The Communion of Saints are all God’s faithful who are united in Christ—those who are on earth and those who have died.

What We See and Do at Mass	
Proclamation	We worship God in our parish church, which is the house of God.
Focus 1	The house of the Lord is sacred and holy (see Psalm 122:1).
Focus 2	We worship God in a sacred and holy place.
Focus 3	Sacred objects are used during Mass.
Focus 4	Liturgical signs and gestures made with our bodies reflect the love for God that we have in our hearts and minds.

Liturgical Year: Advent	
Proclamation	In Advent, we live with joy and preparation for Jesus’ coming.
Focus 1	During Advent, the Church prepares itself and rejoices at the nearness of the Lord (see Luke 1:39–45).
Focus 2	We celebrate the season of Advent by turning away from sin and living as people of joy.

Liturgical Year: Christmas	
Proclamation	Jesus, our God and Savior, was born on Christmas.
Focus 1	At Christmas, we celebrate Jesus Christ, Emmanuel (see Matthew 1:18–25).
Focus 2	As Christians, we live with hope during the Christmas season.

Liturgical Year: Lent	
Proclamation	During Lent, we repent of our sins so we can grow in holiness.
Focus 1	During Lent, the Church participates in Jesus’ victory over sin and temptation (see Mark 1:12–15).
Focus 2	On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten practices to grow in holiness.

Liturgical Year: Easter	
Proclamation	During the Easter season, we live with joy because of Jesus’ victory over death.
Focus 1	During the Easter season, the Church lives in the joy of Christ’s Resurrection (see Mark 16:1–7).
Focus 2	During Easter, we remember with joy the new life offered to us in Baptism.