

Syllabus for 7th Grade Religion

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Materials

Student Handbook: *Spirit of Truth, Living as a Disciple of Christ*

Sophia Institute Press \$15 purchase through St. Joe's

Youcat (Youth Catechism) by Ignatius Press Purchase yourself

Students will also need:

- Composition Notebook to be used as prayer journal (ONLY composition style)
- Accordion style File Folder with closing flap
- pencils, pens, 1 highlighter, 1 glue stick

Course Description

All students are required to learn the Doctrines, Teachings, and Practices of the Catholic faith as passed onto the Church through *Sacred Scripture* and *Sacred Teachings (Traditions)* of the Apostles. The 7th grade religion course, *Life of Jesus*, begins with the revelation of God throughout Salvation History as He is revealed through Sacred Scripture. Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised through the Hebrew Scriptures, Prophets and the Law. The Mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed to humanity through the Mystery of the Incarnation. A Mystery does not mean that the truth of Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension is unknowable, but that we can dive into the Mysteries and come to know Him better. The faithful will fully know the Mysteries of God when we are face to face with Him in the Eternal Kingdom. What does this mean for us Christians today? We can fully participate in the life, suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus now, most especially through his grace received in the Sacraments of the Church.

The materials incorporate the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

1. Creed: what we believe
2. Sacraments: experience of God's Grace
3. Morality: guidance to living out the Christian life
4. Prayer: relationship with our Lord

In class, we are using the *Youcat*, which is the Youth Catechism that was developed with Pope Benedict to help youth learn and understand the teachings of the Church.

The *Spirit of Truth* textbook uses videos, religious and sacred art, memorization of Scripture and an exploration of the lives of the Saints as some of the means by which to learn the faith and encounter Jesus Christ.

Catholic Bibles are provided and used in the classroom and *strongly encouraged* to have at home.

CCC 104 In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as it really is, the word of God".

Supplemental Materials: Video Series on Sacred Liturgy, *Altaration* by Ascension Press. *Virtues in Practice* Handbook with weekly lessons. Teachings on St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*

Weekly Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated and student participation expected.

This is a 'Dress-Up' day. See student handbook. Find link at www.stjoesjrhs.org

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Topics of study in the *Spirit of Truth* Workbook

Unit 1: Personal Growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dignity of the Human Person ➤ Made in the Image and Likeness of God ➤ Human, social, spiritual growth ➤ Virtues ➤ Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit 	Unit 2: Jesus and the Gospel Message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Divine Revelation ➤ Old and New Testament ➤ Mystery of the Incarnation ➤ Jesus' Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection ➤ The Gospels
Unit 3: The Sacraments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sacraments, effects and living a Sacramental life 	Unit 4: Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prayer in Salvation History ➤ Types of Prayer

Classroom Expectations

Students should come to class with Student Workbook, Prayer Journal, accordion style folder, pen or pencil and highlighter. Students should exhibit an attitude of openness and respect for one another's faith journey and experience. There are many opportunities for small group discussions. Be mindful of sharing quietly so all groups can hear one another. I have added my own collection of religious books and students are welcome to borrow from the class library. If a student is absent, *he/she* is expected to follow up with the teacher in person or by email to get missed work and/or arrange to take a make-up test/quiz. All religion assignments can be found in Google Classroom. There are no retakes for tests and quizzes. Students are expected to study and provide their best effort for each and every assignment and assessment. All assigned work is expected to be completed and turned in in a timely manner.

Grading

Students will be graded on	School Grading Scale (see handbook)
Prayer Journal. Prayer Journal is checked daily. It is a tool meant to increase the habit of daily prayer and the virtue of prayerfulness. The content of the prayer should reflect the type assigned and best effort. 0-2 points.	A+ 97-100 A 93-96 A- 91-92
Unit quizzes and tests Points vary, typically 10-25 points	B+ 89-90 B 85-88 B- 83-84
In class work includes a worksheet and/or pages in student workbook done in small groups, as a class or independently. Some are graded. Typically 5-10 points	C+ 81-82 C 78-80 C- 76-77
An extended project each semester 1st semester: <i>St. Joseph Bingo Project</i> 2nd semester: Teenage Saints Wax Museum	D+ 74-75 D 72-73 D- 70-71 F 0-69

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By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have thoroughly read
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Student's Name: _____ Period _____

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature _____:

Date _____

