

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
3rd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist** and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese) and the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic coloring page.
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box.
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*chapter test in student book*)
- 4:15pm **Chapter #8** “The Church has Four Marks”
Chapter #9 “The Church Teaches Us”
Chapter #10 “The Church Prays”

The Church has four marks: **one** – welcomes diversity and works for unity; **holy** – reaches out to sinners who need God’s mercy and compassion; **catholic** – universal, all members envision the Church as large enough to share its Gospel with the whole world; **apostolic** – we believe the pope and bishops are successors of the Apostles.

The Apostles’ Creed was the first creed proclaimed and accepted by the early Church. In its emphasis on Father, Son and Holy Spirit, it is Trinitarian. Its focus on the life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus makes it Christocentric. In its simplicity, it encompasses a full expression of our faith. This faith is grounded, through the Incarnation, in the person of Jesus Christ – sent by the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born, suffered, died, buried, and risen. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we receive the Body of Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit planted the seed of holiness in the entire Church. We believe that the Holy Spirit is with us, that we can help and encourage one another, that we are truly the Body of Christ in the world, and that the love of Christ impels us to do his work, to teach his message, to extend his mercy to all!

Jesus taught his followers how to pray. We often think of prayer, as something we memorize and offer at Mass, before meals and at bedtime but **praying is really a way of keeping God in our lives throughout the day!** There are many other ways to pray if you think of talking, singing or listening to God – anytime, anywhere. *We will have another lesson on Prayer and pray Eucharistic Adoration in the winter.*

- *We Believe -*

Bishops – the successors of the Apostles who lead the Church.

Dioceses – local areas of the Church.

Pope – the Bishop of Rome, who leads the whole Catholic Church.

Marks of the Church – four characteristics that describe the Church: the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Apostles’ Creed – Christian statement of beliefs based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the faith of the Apostles.

Justice – treating everyone fairly and with respect.

Prayer – listening and talking to God.

Liturgy – the official public prayer of the Church.

Synagogue – the gathering place where Jewish people pray and learn about God.

Pilgrimages – prayer-journeys to holy places.

- *We Respond – “Kids and Prayer” DVD 38 min. (includes all 4 segments)*

Introduce your students to prayer with this lively new video presentation, each asking a basic question (*What Is Prayer? Why Do We Pray?, How Do We Pray? and Where Do We Pray?*). These four segments include explanations from Brother Mickey McGrath, interviews with kids, onscreen storyboard Bible teaching featuring Br. Mickey's illustrations, and "on the road" field trips to look at each question from a different angle.

ADORATION (Praise): We show Jesus that we love and respect the awesome gift of His true presence in the Eucharist by kneeling or sitting reverently, praying and listening in silence.

I can say “I love you, Jesus”

CONTRITION (Petition): We kneel or sit in silence to examine our conscience, acknowledge the abundance of Jesus’ mercy, and pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

I can say “I’m sorry, Jesus”

THANKSGIVING: We express gratitude for our many blessings.

I can say “Thank You, Jesus”

SUPPLICATION (Intercession): We kneel or sit reverently and humble ourselves as we offer intentions silently.

I ask Jesus for the needs of myself, my family, friends or sick people.

When we spend time with Jesus in Adoration and Exposition. Think about how you bring your hearts and minds to Jesus. The simplest, least formal, and most common way that Catholics honor Christ in the Eucharist outside of the Mass is by making simple visits to a Church to be near the Blessed Sacrament, like we just did. They may go to pray, to sit quietly, and to meditate.

Become very quiet in your heart and in your mind.

Say silently: “Hello, Jesus! I love you!” or some act of love.

Your heart is like a little cup; we bring this to Jesus to fill us with His grace.

Jesus, fill my heart with your love, your peace.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray during this time.

You can think of the wind as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Although unseen, the Holy Spirit moves in our lives and in the world. Like a gentle breeze, the Holy Spirit comforts us in times of difficulty. Like a mighty wind, the Holy Spirit empowers us to bravely confront evil. Just as air is essential to physical life, so prayer is essential to spiritual life.

The people in the Body of Christ:

The Pope – Francis

The Cardinals – use *some of the USA cardinals (see below)*

The Bishop – The Most Reverend Frank Caggiano

The saints – Aloysius, *those that you have discussed in class*

Baptized people all over the world – other Christians and Catholics

Those who are in heaven – communion of Saints and Martyrs (*write specific Saint and Martyr names*), grandparents, etc....

Priests:

Father Rob Kinnally
Father Cyrus Bartolome,
Father Ignacio Ortigas

Religious:

Deacon Bill Santulli,
Deacon Steve Pond,
Nuns, Brothers and other religious orders

Catechists – *your names and previous*

Parents

Other family – siblings, grandparents, cousins

Friends

Parish staff

Themselves

4:55pm

Closing Prayer – The Apostles Creed

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and seated at the right hand of the Father almighty,
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“In what way do I rely on the Church to help me live a holy life?”

“When are you most grateful to be Catholic?”

“When and where do I pray?”

“How can I help comfort and care for those that are sick?”

Catechist Background:

Christian Unity information – The Franciscan Friars of Atonement:

<http://www.atonementfriars.org/>

There are 19 U.S. cardinals.

Five cardinals currently lead U.S. archdioceses

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo - Galveston-Houston

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan - New York

Cardinal Francis E. George - Chicago

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley - Boston

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl - Washington

Three cardinals are not currently diocesan bishops:

Cardinal Raymond L. Burke - Prefect, Apostolic Signatura

Cardinal James M. Harvey - Archpriest of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls

Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien - Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher

Eleven cardinals are retired:

Cardinal William W. Baum - Major Penitentiary Emeritus

Cardinal Edward M. Egan - Archbishop Emeritus of New York

Cardinal William H. Keeler - Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore

Cardinal Bernard F. Law - Archpriest Emeritus of St. Mary Major Basilica, Rome

Cardinal William J. Levada - Prefect Emeritus, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony - Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles

Cardinal Adam J. Maida - Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick - Archbishop Emeritus of Washington

Cardinal Justin F. Rigali - Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

Cardinal James F. Stafford - Major Penitentiary Emeritus

Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka - Former President, Pontifical Commission for Vatican City

There are 445 active and retired Catholic bishops in the United States:

265 active bishops:

5 Cardinal Archbishops

30 Archbishops

151 Diocesan Bishops

75 Auxiliary Bishops

4 Apostolic or Diocesan Administrators

180 retired bishops:

11 retired Cardinal Archbishops

24 retired Archbishops

100 retired Diocesan Bishops

45 retired Auxiliary Bishops

Dioceses and Archdioceses

In the United States, there are 195 archdioceses/dioceses, 1 Apostolic Exarchate, and 1 Personal Ordinariate:

145 Latin Catholic dioceses

33 Latin Catholic archdioceses

15 Eastern Catholic dioceses

2 Eastern Catholic archdioceses

1 Apostolic Exarchate for Syro-Malankara Catholic Church

1 Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be
world without end.

Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration: A special visit with your best friend

Have you ever had a wonderful friend — someone so special you wanted to spend as much time as you could with that person?

When we receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, we're opening our hearts to the most wonderful friend we'll ever have — the One who gave His life for us.

Pope John Paul II said that Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament should be so dear to people that they should receive and visit Jesus as often as they can. He called the Eucharist "the Church's treasure."

You can visit the Blessed Sacrament any time Jesus is present. You'll know He's there when the sanctuary light (usually a red candle) is lit by the tabernacle.

A special time of visiting with Jesus outside of Mass is known as **Eucharistic Adoration**. The consecrated host — the Body of Christ — is displayed, for people to quietly visit. Some churches set a special time for this once a week, others once a day. Some keep a 24-hour visit that's called **Perpetual Adoration**. At least one adult volunteers to be there at all hours of the day — even at 3 a.m.!

Children can participate in adoration, too. In



San Antonio, Texas, Sister Angela Ros arranges after-school prayer groups to help children pray and visit with the Lord. The classes are for students from kindergarten to 8th grade. More than 200 students have taken part in the adoration program during the school year.

Annie Kennedy, a third-grader at Holy Spirit

Academy, is one of the students. Annie made her First Communion last year, but she likes going to the Adoration chapel before Mass because it's a "special place" to visit Jesus.

Her brother Sean, a sixth-grader, sometimes prays the Rosary when he goes. Sean, 11, has made rosaries for the adoration chapel near his grandparents' home in Mankato, Minnesota.

When he visits with Jesus, Sean prays for his grandfather, who is sick, and also for peace. And sometimes when he has a math test coming up, he stops in to say a little prayer after he studies.

Sister Angela tells her students that talking to

Jesus should be like talking to their best friend. "Tell Him what you have in your heart," Sister says to all of her students.

"You should know that you can always go to Jesus for everything."



The Monstrance

Monstrance is the name for the sacred vessel that is most often used to display the Body of Christ during Eucharistic adoration. The word "monstrance" comes from the Latin word meaning "to show."

The **lunette** is the round glass case in the center of the monstrance that actually holds the consecrated host. Its name comes from the Latin word for "moon."