

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

3rd Grade

Introduction, Welcome & Chapter 1

4:00pm

ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH/ GYMNASIUM FOR A PRAYER SERVICE PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS.

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*)

Introduction

Introduce yourself to the class and explain what we will learn this year in Religious Education.

We are on a journey this year to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This year we will;

Learn what it means to belong to the Catholic Church,

Pray alone and with others,

Celebrate at Mass and in the Sacraments,

Choose to respect all people as Jesus taught,

Share the Good News of the Kingdom of God,

Live out the faith by growing in holiness.

- *We Believe* – Read from “The Holy Spirit” or “I Believe in God” books from Fr. Lovasik ... all are themes that will be highlighted in the 3rd grade this year.
- *We Respond* - distribute the activity sheets and discuss the symbol of the Blessed Trinity used on the window and then color.
 1. Artists use a triangle with three equal sides to symbolize the Blessed Trinity. There is one triangle with three equal sides.
 2. Artists use three joined circles. A circle having no beginning and no end symbolizes the Blessed Trinity's love having no beginning or end. The joined circles symbolize the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity joined in love.
 3. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Blessed Trinity because the shamrock is one plant with three leaves

Chapter # 1

God Sends us His Own Son

To introduce that God the Son became one of us and taught us how to live as his followers. By living as Jesus did, we can continue his mission of spreading the Good News. When Jesus began his public ministry, he declared that the Kingdom of God is open to everyone who believes in him as the one sent by the Father.

Remember the Blessed Trinity's love for you.

- *We Believe* –

Blessed Trinity = the Three Persons in One God; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Incarnation = the truth that God the Son became man.

Prophet = someone called by God to speak to the people.

Public Ministry = Jesus' work among the people.

Repent = to turn away from sin and to ask God for help to live a good life.

Disciples = those who follow Jesus.

Apostle = one who is sent.

- *We Respond* – read “The Miracles of Jesus” by Tomie dePaola **or**
“The Apostles of Jesus” Father Lovasik

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

*“May all our work this year be pleasing to you, Lord.
We give all our efforts over to you,
So that you may bless our work.
May our lives become our prayer to you
And to be a help to the coming of your Kingdom.
We ask this through, your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

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

***How do you share in Jesus’ mission?
Help me, show me and give me the courage to live as a disciple.***