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# Scope & Sequence

Chapter	Core Understanding	Key Words	Catechism Pillar	<i>Catechism</i> Paragraphs
Revelation,     Scripture,     and Tradition	Out of love, God reveals himself and his plan for humanity in two main ways: through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.	Gospels     Revelation     Sacred Scripture     Sacred Tradition	The Creed	31–43 50–141
2. God the Father	Through Jesus, we share in the close relationship he has with God, so we too can call God "Father."	Abba     mystery     Yahweh	The Creed	198-213 232-237
3. The Holy Trinity	The Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith—namely, that the one loving God has revealed himself in three Persons as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	<ul><li>God the Father</li><li>Holy Spirit</li><li>Son of God</li><li>Trinity</li></ul>	The Creed	232–267
4. Creation	God is the Creator of all things, and Creation is not simply one event that happened a long time ago but is the ongoing work of God.	<ul><li> angel</li><li> Creation</li><li> Heaven and Earth</li></ul>	The Creed	279-324
5. The Human Person	Being human means we are made in God's image, God is always with us, and we have the ability to choose to love and care for one another.	human person     Original Sin     soul     temptation	The Creed	385 – 421 1699 – 1715
6. Faith: Responding to God	Faith is believing and doing—believing what God has revealed to us and living our lives in response to that belief.	creed     faith     monotheistic	The Creed	84–100 (especially 94–95) 142–184 (especially 153–158)
7. Jesus Christ, True God and True Man	Jesus Christ is true God and true man.	<ul><li>Incarnation</li><li>mediator</li><li>Messiah</li></ul>	The Creed	430-483
8. The Birth of Jesus	Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth announce his humanity and divinity, teach us that God has come for all people, and give us a special model of faithfulness in Mary.	Annunciation     Immaculate     Conception     Magi	The Creed	484–511

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9. Jesus Teaches	Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God is not a specific place but rather a state of living in harmony with God and with one another.	<ul><li> Kingdom of God</li><li> parables</li><li> Transfiguration</li></ul>	The Creed	522-534 535-570 2816-2821
10. Jesus Heals	Jesus came to bring all people healing—     a healing done out love that restores our     relationships with God and each other.	miracle     reconciles     Works of Mercy	The Creed	1500 – 1510
11. The Death of Jesus	Jesus' suffering and death show his great love for us and are model for how we are to love others.	<ul><li> Paschal Mystery</li><li> Passion</li><li> Passover</li></ul>	The Creed	595-637
12. The Resurrection of Jesus	After his death, Jesus was raised from the dead and made it possible for us to share in his Resurrection.	Ascension     Last Judgment     Resurrection	The Creed	638-682
13. Meeting Jesus in the Gospels	Through the Gospels, Jesus invites us to get to know him and shows us that our lives have meaning and purpose.	• synoptic	The Creed	101–141
14. The Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit quenches our thirst for God, transforms us, and reveals God's presence.	Advocate     Fruits of the     Holy Spirit	The Creed	683-747
15. Grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Grace is the gift of God's loving presence—     a gift freely given to us that manifests in our lives when we act lovingly toward others.	Gifts of the Holy Spirit grace sanctifying grace	The Creed	1996 – 2016 1830 – 1832
16. Liturgy: The Church's Public Prayer	Liturgy is the communal, official, and public prayer of the Church through which we participate in the life and love of God.	<ul><li> assembly</li><li> sacrament</li><li> symbols</li></ul>	Liturgy and Sacraments	1066 – 1075 1135 – 1152 1163 –1167
17. Sacraments: Celebrating Christ's Presence	The Holy Spirit quenches our thirst for God, transforms us, and reveals God's presence.	• sacramentals	Liturgy and Sacraments	1113 – 1134 1667 – 1679
18. Living the Moral Life	Jesus' teachings help us use our God-given free will to live the life God wants for us.	free will     morality     natural law     virtues	Christian Morality and Justice	1730 – 1748 1749 – 1761 1776 – 1802 1803 – 1811 1954 – 1960
19. Moral Decision- Making	Our conscience gives us the ability to think through the morality of an action and use our freedom to choose good and avoid sin.	doctrine     justification     Magisterium	Christian Morality and Justice	1730 – 1748   890 – 892 1749 – 1761   1987 – 1996 85 – 95 100   2032 – 2040
20. Prayer: Conversation with God	God is always calling us and inviting us to respond to him through prayer.	• conversion	Prayer	2559-2565 2599-2622 2666-2697
21. Ways to Pray	Our response to God in prayer can take many forms, and the Church provides helpful guidance by recommending five basic types: petition, blessing, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving.	blessing     intercession     thanksgiving	Prayer	971   2634–2636 1174–1178   2639–2643 2626–2628   2650–2662 2629–2633

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1. God's Plan for Salvation	We can appreciate God's love in his plan for our salvation, presented in eight stages, from primeval history to the Church in our current day.	<ul><li>covenant</li><li>the Exile</li><li>Exodus</li><li>Gentiles</li><li>salvation history</li></ul>	The Creed	54–73 120 – 141 758 – 769	
2. The Old Testament	We can better understand the Old Testament if we see it as divided into four major parts: the Pentateuch, the historical books, the wisdom and poetry books, and the prophets.	<ul><li>Baal and Asherah</li><li>judges</li><li>Pentateuch</li></ul>	The Creed	101–141	
3. Biblical Covenants: Old and New	God entered into sacred agreements, called covenants, with his people through Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David; in Jesus, God made a New Covenant with us, a covenant that will last forever.	Chosen People     New Covenant     Satan     Ten Command- ments	The Creed	612-614 839-840	
4. The Prophets and the Hope for a Messiah	God spoke directly to the prophets, and they prepared the Chosen People for the coming of Jesus Christ—the Messiah and Son of God.	- prophet	The Creed	64   2581 201   2595 218   522 522   555 762   702 1964	
5. Worshipping God	Exploring the development of the ways we worship God helps us better understand the meaning of the Mass, which has its roots in the Jewish Passover.	Eucharist     liturgy     worship	Liturgy and Sacraments	1333 – 1334 1337 – 1341	
6. The Eucharist: The Heart of All Liturgy	The Eucharist is a celebration in which we remember and actively participate in the loving and saving action of Christ—at the Last Supper, on the cross, and in his resurrected life among us today.	anamnesis     Communion     presider	Liturgy and Sacraments	1322 – 1344 (especially 1322 – 1327)	

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C	hapter	Core Understanding	Key Words	<i>Catechism</i> Pillar	<i>Catechism</i> Paragraphs
Т	he Eucharist: he Liturgy f the Word	The Liturgy of the Word is ultimately about hearing the Word of God, applying it to our lives through the Homily, and then responding by proclaiming the Creed and by offering prayers for others.	ambo     Lectionary     Liturgy of the     Word     Logos	Liturgy and Sacraments	1154 1345–1349
T 0	he Eucharist: he Liturgy f the ucharist	The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the great prayer of thanksgiving, in which we thank God for all creation and especially for the gift of God's Son, Jesus, who comes to us in his Body and Blood, making us members of the Body of Christ.	epiclesis     Eucharistic Prayer     Liturgy of the     Eucharist     Transubstantiation	Liturgy and Sacraments	1350–1381
a	he Eucharist: ommunion nd Sending orth	As we receive the Body of Christ during Communion, we become one with Christ and his people, and we are sent forth on his mission.	<ul><li>litany</li><li>Lord's Prayer</li><li>orans</li><li>Sign of Peace</li></ul>	Liturgy and Sacraments	1382—1419 (especially 1385—1401)
_	The Sacrament of Baptism	The Sacrament of Baptism is our entrance into the Body of Christ through word, action, and symbol.	Baptism     catechumenate	Liturgy and Sacraments	1213 – 1228 1229 – 1256 1257 – 1284
0	The Sacrament of Confirma- cion	In the Sacrament of Confirmation, Sacred Chrism seals the Gift of the Holy Spirit, deepening and confirming our baptismal call.	age of reason     Sacred Chrism	Liturgy and Sacraments	1293-1305
a	The Old Law and the New Law	Jesus revealed the New Law, the Law of Love, with the help of the Holy Spirit, as a completion and fulfillment of the Old Law.	Beatitudes     New Law     Old Law	Christian Morality and Justice	577-582 1716-1729 2052-2082
	Honoring God	The first three commandments teach us that God should be at the center of our lives.	<ul><li> atheism</li><li> idolatry</li><li> Sabbath</li><li> venerate</li></ul>	Christian Morality and Justice	2055   2142–2155 2084–2086   2160–2167 2110–2140   2168–2195
	Honoring Family	The Fourth Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," requires us to honor, respect, and obey our parents and those in legitimate authority.	discipline     honor     society	Christian Morality and Justice	2197–2200   2214–2231 2201–2206   2232–2257 2207–2213
	Respecting .ife	The Fifth Commandment affirms that life is sacred from the moment of conception, and that any violation of the sacredness of life is a grave moral evil.	abortion     euthanasia     legitimate     defense     scandal     suicide	Christian Morality and Justice	1909         2276-2283           2263-2267         2280-2283           2306         2325           2309         2284-2287           2258-2262         2302-2306           2268-2269         2307-2317           2270-2275         2307-2317
I	Respecting Fruth and Property	The Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth Commandments teach us about respecting truth and the property of others.	<ul><li>envy</li><li>reparation</li><li>restitution</li></ul>	Christian Morality and Justice	2401–2463 2464–2513 2534–2557

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17. Respecting Sexuality	Because sexuality is a gift from God, we are called to act responsibly and have respect for ourselves and others, as required by the Sixth and Ninth Commandments.	adultery chastity concupiscence fornication homosexuality masturbation pornography sexuality temperance	Christian Morality and Justice	1650–1651 2336 2380 2400 2331–2400 2337–2347 2341 2517 2352 2396	2353 2354 2357–2359 2514–2515 2520 2514–2533 2517–2519 2520–2527 2534–2557
18. The Lord's Prayer: The Perfect Prayer	Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer to teach us to pray, to know we are God's children, and to live the Gospel.	communion     quintessential     synagogue	Prayer	2759 – 2855 –	

Life Issue	Core Understanding	<i>Catechism</i> Paragraphs
A. Being Ourselves	All human beings are created and loved by God and are called to use their gifts and talents to the best of their ability.	27 293–294 319 356 1936–1937
B. Making Friends	Jesus is a model of friendship, and we are encouraged to imitate Jesus in applying his values and attitudes of friendship and love to our own relationships with others.	142 2063 1972 2665
C. Managing Peer Pressure	The Gifts of the Holy Spirit can play a helpful role in combating the negative peer pressure young people can experience.	1808 2157 1830–1832 1845



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1. Pentecost and the Apostles' Mission	The Holy Spirit empowered the growth of the early Church, which we learn about in the Acts of the Apostles.	• evangelize • Pentecost	The Creed	858–860 935–936
2. The New Testament Letters	The New Testament letters provided important guidance to the early Christian communities and help us live as Christians today.	• resurrection	The Creed	74–76 131–133
3. The Mission of the Church	The Church is a unique assembly of people who come together in response to God's call to live out the mission of spreading the Good News.	Apostolic     Catholic     discipleship     Marks of the Church     People of God	The Creed	748–769
4. The Structure of the Church	There are different roles within the Catholic Church, and we are all called to share in Christ's ministry as priest, prophet, and king.	bishop     ecumenism     Pope	The Creed	871-879 901-903 904-907 909-913
5. End Things: Heaven and Hell	How we live our lives on Earth determines our state of being—Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory— in eternal life.	Heaven     Hell     Particular Judgment     Purgatory	The Creed	1020-1032 1033-1037
6. Mary and the Saints	Mary and the saints serve as models of discipleship and examples of holiness that inspire us in our journey of faith.	Assumption     Communion     of Saints     Theotokos	The Creed	956-962 963-972 1195

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Chapter	Core Understanding	Key Words	Catechism Pillar	<i>Catechism</i> Paragraphs
7. The Sacraments of Healing	The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are the two Sacraments of Healing in the Church.	absolution     contrition     laying on     of hands     mortal sins     Penance     venial sins	Liturgy and Sacraments	1420–1496 (especially 1440–1460) 1499–1532 (especially 1526–1532)
8. The Sacraments at the Service of Communion	Both the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Sacrament of Holy Orders are called Sacraments at the Service of Communion and are directed toward the service for and salvation of others.	common     priesthood     of the faithful     ministerial     priesthood     vocation	Liturgy and Sacraments	1534–1600 (especially 1572–1574) 1601–1666 (especially 1641–1642)
9. Working for Justice	We all have a duty to work together for justice and the common good by living the truths of Catholic social teaching.	common good     social justice     solidarity	Christian Morality and Justice	1905–1912 1927 1913–1917 1928–1938 1939–1942 1944 1948 2419–2425 2443–2449
10. Biblical Models for Prayer	Prayer is a skill we develop with practice and through studying role models like King David, Mary, and Jesus.	Magnificat     petition     praise	Prayer	435 1177 2097 2619 2622 2629–2633 2639–2643
11. The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Time	The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers and is made up of seven petitions.	temptation     trespass	Prayer	2803–2854

Life Issue	Core Understanding	<i>Catechism</i> Paragraphs	
A. Feeling God's Presence	God promises to be with us always.	1 220 2564	
B. Discovering Our Purpose	God created us for a purpose, and through prayer and the sacraments, God helps us grow in understanding our purpose.	1701–1709 2392	
C. Spending Money Wisely	God offers to take care of all our needs and calls us to set priorities when it comes to things we want.	2536 2113 2172 2424	
D. Making Choices about Technology	We are called to consider how we use technology and if we are doing so in a way that builds a relationship with God and with others.	373 1831 2293–2294	

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Life Issue	Core Understanding	<i>Catechism</i> Paragraphs
E. Using Our Time Well	Our individual activities affect our relationships with God, self, and others.	Prologue no. 1, paragraph 1 1780 2638
F. Experiencing Challenging Times	We are called to trust in God's care and to rely on one another in times of trouble.	Prologue no. 1, paragraph 1 2638 2634–2636 2647 2629–2633 2646
G. Identifying Role Models	The saints and other Christian role models show us how we can love God, others, and ourselves.	2030 1477 750–752 771 899 1102
H. Respecting Differences	Understanding that all human beings have God-given dignity, Catholics value diversity and are called to be respectful of people's differences.	818 1789 1825 1738 1884 2203
I. Facing Our Feelings	Feelings, which spring from our thoughts, are an important part of our human nature, and they can be put into perspective by a change in our thinking.	470 2083 2711
J. Dealing with Doubt	Doubting and questioning are normal parts of growing and learning and can be opportunities to reach out to God and others for help and understanding.	644 1806 2088



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