

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
09-10 Faith Formation Schedule
Grade Three

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Date	Session Information
2009 September/October Sept. 28-30 Welcome! Oct. 5-7 12-14 19-21 26-28	First Session/ Parent Meeting* ; Ch. 1 "God's Beautiful World"; Large Group All Regular Session; Ch. 2 "The Church Community"; NO Large Group No Sessions - MEA Week Regular Session; Ch. 3 "At Home With God"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Safety Program; Large Group All
November <i>1 Holy Day of Obligation</i> 2-4 9-11 16-18 23-25	<i>All Saints Day</i> Regular Session; Ch. 11 & pp. 8-11 "One Holy People"; NO Large Group Regular Session; Ch. 4 "The Holy Trinity"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 5 "The Church Worships"; NO Large Group No Sessions - Happy Thanksgiving!
December Nov 30 -Dec 2 - 1 st Week Advent <i>8 - Holy Day of Obligation</i> 7-9 - 2 nd Week Advent 14-16 - 3 rd Week Advent 21-23 - 4th Week Advent 28-30	Regular Session; Pp.12-16 "Advent", Large Group 1-3 <i>Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary; Mass at 7:00 pm</i> Regular Session; Ch. 6 "Pray Always", NO Large Group Regular Session; Pp. 16-19 "God's Own Light"; Christmas Party No Sessions - Merry Christmas! No Sessions - Happy New Year!
2010 January <i>1 - Holy Day of Obligation</i> 4-6 11-13 17, 24, 31 Parish Mission 18-20 25-27	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Regular Session; Ch. 7 "The Good News"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 8 "Jesus' Sacrifice"; NO Large Group "Tell the Story" Parish Mission; Sunday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass No Sessions - MLK Holiday Regular Session; Ch. 9 "Jesus' Work", Large Group 1-3
February 1-3 8-10 15-17 17 Ash Wednesday 22-24 - 1 st Week Lent	Regular Session; Ch. 10 "Church Leaders", St. Blase Throat Blessing All Regular Session; Ch. 12 "The Church's Mission", Large Group 1-3 No Sessions - President's Day Holiday Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm Regular Session; Pp. 24-27 "Lent", NO Large Group
March 1-3 - 2 nd Week Lent 8-10 - 3 rd Week Lent 15-17 - 4 th Week Lent 22-24 - 5 th Week Lent 29-31 - Holy Week	Regular Session; Ch. 13 "Choose Love", Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 15 "The Church Guides" and Safety, NO Large Group Regular Session; Ch. 16 "Sacraments of Initiation", Large Group All Regular Session; Pp. 28-31, "Holy Week", Stations of the Cross 1-3 No Sessions - District 279 Spring Break
April 4 - Holy Day of Obligation 5-7 12-14 19-21 27	Easter Sunday Alleluia! Regular Session; Ch. 19 "Belonging to God"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 20 "The Church Today"; NO Large Group Final Session; Pp. 36-39 "The Holy Spirit"; Pentecost Party Closing Mass "Go Out And Tell the Story"; Social time after Mass
	*Parent Meeting after Large Group for 30 minutes on first night.

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Grade Three Learning Objectives

As children grow and mature, so does their faith. Knowledge and practice of their faith can be taught in the home and in Faith Formation sessions; desire for and acceptance of faith in their lives is an individual growth process that can take a lifetime. At every grade level, the four pillars of Catholic doctrine (Belief, Worship, Prayer, Christian Living) will be taught. Children will learn about the basic tenets of our Catholic Christian faith every year at the appropriate level of understanding for their age. Specifically, children will learn about Scripture, the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Church, morality, sacraments, liturgy and prayer, and the kingdom of God. The following Learning Objectives summarize what is learned and practiced at each grade level. Prayers to be memorized by heart are in **bold**.

By the end of **Grade Three**, the child should have a knowledge and understanding of the following key concepts:

- The Church is the People of God gathered in the name of Jesus; at home we have a "domestic" church where we learn about God's love through our families.
- The Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic because it is unified, everywhere, for everyone, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit, the teachings of the church, scripture, and conscience help you make good choices and live a good and moral life.
- The pope, bishops, and pastors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, lead and guide the Church in its mission to work for peace and justice.
- Daily prayer is important in the life of a Christian and includes the "**Apostles Creed**" and the "**Hail Holy Queen**".

Information for Families Preparing Children for First Eucharist in Third Grade

A letter and form for selection of a date and Mass time for First Eucharist will be sent to **parents of children registered for the sacrament**, on or before December 1, 2009.

Parent Meeting (Mandatory for all parents preparing children for First Eucharist): January 19 or 21, 2010

At this time, parents will receive packets of materials for home preparation.

Parent/Child Retreat (Mandatory for parents/children preparing for First Eucharist): March 11 or 18, 2010

In 2010, First Eucharist will be celebrated at weekend liturgies the weekends of April 24/25, May 1/2, May 8/9 and May 15/16. Parents have a choice of dates and Mass times; however, there is a limit of 10 families per Mass time. *Special requests must be approved; please contact Faith Formation if there are special needs or circumstances.*

Parents may choose to prepare their third grade children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This should be indicated on the Sacramental Registration Form. Otherwise, children are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in fourth grade. Note: Mandatory Parent Meetings for First Reconciliation are October 12 or 22, 2009. The Parent/Child Retreat dates are November 23 or 24, 2009. First Reconciliation will be celebrated January 7 or 9, 2010.