

Developmental Benchmarks for Fourth Grade:

Building on the foundation of learning and practice developed through Grade 3, the goals for the formation of our children in Fourth Grade includes all previous learning plus...

Scripture: *During Grade 4, our children will come to understand Sacred Scripture as God's Word that speaks to them. They will...*

- Analyze the terms: Testament, Scripture, Bible, Salvation, Law, Prophets, Writings, Gospel, and Epistle.
- Be able to identify that the Hebrew Scripture (The Old Testament) is divided into four main sections: the Law, History, Poetry, and the Prophets
- Be able to identify that the New Testament is divided into four main sections: The Gospels, Acts, Letters, and Revelation
- Have read/listened to selected Psalms and be able to identify the purpose of the psalm, e.g., songs of praise, thanks, petition and sorrow(lament)
- Be able to identify the Epistles as letters written to different communities that encourage them to follow the teachings of Jesus
- Identify the Gospels as stories about the “good news” of the infinite love of God who became man in Jesus and brought us to salvation
- Identify the following people and describe how God worked through them to teach His people how to trust and obey God: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.
- Explain God's covenant with Noah and with Abraham.
- Be able to retell the following Bible stories:
 - The Story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-54)
 - The Story of Jonah and the Whale (Jonah 1:1-17)
 - The Story of Jesus Walking on the Water (Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52)
 - The Story of Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
 - The Story of the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
 - The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
 - The Story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-42)
- Listen to/Have heard the following Bible Stories:
 - The Story of Isaac, Jacob & Esau (Genesis 27:1-29)
 - The Story of Joseph (Genesis 37:1-36)
 - The Story of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25, 57-66)
 - The Story of the Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:1-8)
 - Annunciation and Mary's “yes” to God (Luke 1:26-38)
 - Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)
 - The Parable of the Last Judgment (Matthew 23: 31-46)
 - Treat Others with Kindness (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Doctrine: *During Grade 4, our children will know and understand these basic teachings of the Catholic faith:*

- That Jesus is the visible sign of God's love
- That Jesus suffered and died because he loves us and to save us from our sins
- That the Church is the “People of God” and the “Body of Christ”
- How the Church (the People of God) helps one another live as disciples of Jesus
- That the Holy Spirit guides the Church (the People of God) and be able to describe it
- Recite and describe the Ten Commandments

Sacraments: *During Grade 4, our children will begin to know and appreciate the importance of Sacraments and that Liturgy and Eucharist is central to our Catholic Faith. They will...*

- Be able to identify that Matrimony and Holy Orders are Sacraments of service (vocation)
- Be able to explain why Eucharist has a special and central place in the life of the Church
- Tour the liturgical worship space and be able to identify objects by name, location and purpose:
 - o Sanctuary/ Sacristy
 - o Stained Glass
 - o Statues
 - o Altar/Altar Cloth
 - o Sacramentary
 - o Stations of the Cross
 - o Tabernacle/ Sanctuary Lamp
 - o Lectionary and Roman Missal
 - o Vestments
 - o Altar Candles/ Votive Candles
 - o Ambo/Lectern
 - o Chalice and Ciborium
 - o Crucifix
 - o Paschal Candle
 - o Hosts and wine
 - o Oils
 - o Baptismal font /Holy Water
 - o Hymnal
- Attend and participate at Mass regularly and prayerfully be able to participate in the following ways:
 - o Know that the First Reading comes from the Old Testament
 - o Know that the Second Reading comes from the Epistles of the New Testament
 - o Be able to share something they remember about the Gospel reading
 - o Be able to share something they remember about Fr. Gary's homily
- Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Prayer & Spirituality: *By the end of 4th Grade, our children will...*

- Know the Mysteries of the Rosary
- Have participated in the praying of the Rosary
- Participate in the Stations of the Cross and be able to describe the purpose of the Stations
- Describe the four basic categories of prayer (praise, petition, thanksgiving, contrition) and give examples of each
- Be able to share the ways and times they are making prayer part of their daily life
- Prepare for and assume different roles in communal prayer (family, Sunday class, the Liturgy)
- Know what a saint is and how the saint followed Jesus example (Be able to name a few saints)

Community: *By the end of 4th Grade, our children will understand that they are part of a larger faith community or family – the parish community of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception AND the larger Catholic Church. They will*

- Know and begin to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25:31-46)
- List ways to apply the beatitudes in their lives (Matthew 5:1-12)
- Explain how Jesus' command to "love one another" applies to their own lives
- Be able to describe how all people are created in the image and likeness of God
- Recognize that the Church has laws that help to give order to their lives and the Christian community
- Give examples or experiences of what it means to belong to the Body of Christ

Service: *By the end of Grade 4, our children will...*

- Understand and be able to explain how service is a way to respond to the gospel call to love their neighbor and Identify ways they can serve others
- Plan and participate in one or more service projects to help those in need
- Understand what "stewardship" is and that we are called to be "good stewards" of all that God has given us
- Demonstrate and/or report on ways they practice good stewardship in the care of their personal belongings
- Identify ways to and then practicing good stewardship for the environment

Catholic Prayers to be able to recite by themselves:

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Grace, Act of Contrition, Angel of God, and

Fatima Prayer: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

Know each of the 5 mysteries in the four sets of Mysteries of the Rosary:

Joyful Mysteries

- I. The Annunciation
- II. The Visitation
- III. The Birth of our Lord
- IV. The Presentation of our Lord
- V. The Finding of our Lord in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

- I. The Agony in the Garden
- II. The Scourging at the Pillar
- III. The Crowning with Thorns
- IV. The Carrying of the Cross
- V. The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord

Glorious Mysteries

- I. The Resurrection
- II. The Ascension
- III. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- IV. The Assumption Mary into Heaven
- V. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Luminous Mysteries

- I. The Baptism in the Jordan
- II. The Wedding at Cana
- III. Proclamation of the Kingdom
- IV. The Transfiguration
- V. Institution of the Eucharist