

# Seventh Grade Curriculum 2017-18

## Unit One

*This first unit focuses on the Trinity and the core Catholic belief that Jesus is the Savior, the fulfillment of God's promise to his people*

**9/17-19** Introduction Week – Get to know your students/ ice-breakers/ prayers

Session **One** - **“Three Persons in One God”**

Theme: The Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and life

**9/24-26** - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assessment (will be in mailboxes)

Session **Two**- **“Jesus Is the Answer to a Promise”**

Theme: John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah

**10/1-3** Session **Three** - **“Jesus Reveals God to Us”**

Theme: Jesus fulfills the Revelation of God found in the history of the Chosen people

**Saints projects distributed**

**10/8-10** Session **Four** - **“Jesus Calls Us to Say Yes”**

Theme: Mary was the first person to say yes to Jesus and experience God's grace

**10/15-17**– Session **Five** - **“Celebrating Ordinary Time”**

Theme: Ordinary Time is a time to grow as a disciple of Christ

**10/22-24** – **Special Sessions** – **Meet in Holy Innocents Hall** – **Parents attend with child**

**Collect Saint projects at this time.**

## Unit Two

*This unit focuses on the mystery of the union of the divine and human natures of Jesus, Son of God*

**10/29-31 Session Six - “Jesus Became One of Us”**

Theme: The Incarnation is God’s supreme act of love for humanity. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God made flesh. Jesus is our model of humanity

**11/5-7 Session Seven - “Jesus is God with Us” = No classes Tues 11/7/17**

Theme: The names for Jesus are connected to Salvation History. God calls us by name and speaks to us in many ways

**11/12-14 Session Eight - “Jesus Is for All People”**

Theme: The hardships in Jesus’ early life fulfilled prophecies and served as a reminder that the Savior came to save everyone

**11/19-21 Session Nine - “Jesus Grew in Wisdom, Age, and Grace”**

Theme: Jesus begins to understand that God, his Father, is calling him to a special mission

**11/26-28 - No classes Sunday 11/26/17. Classes resume Monday**

**Session Eleven - “Jesus Prepares for His Ministry”**

Theme: Jesus accepted his mission as Messiah and renounced Satan’s temptations. Jesus prepared us to hear God’s Word by teaching the parable of the sower

**12/3/17 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat and Mass (12:00-5:30) MANDATORY for all students, parents asked to attend mass with students at 4:30pm**

**12/4-5- Advent Reconciliation – pg. 296-297 How to make a good Confession and Advent supplement Pg 223**

**Unit Three**

*This unit focuses on the mysteries of Jesus’ public ministry*

**12/10-12 Session Ten - “Celebrating Advent and Christmas”**

Theme: We prepare our hearts during the season of Advent to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas

**12/17-19 Session Twelve- “Jesus Performs Signs”**

Theme: Jesus’ signs reveal that he is the one who fulfills the Father’s promise to us with abundance

**12/25/17 Merry Christmas** – break Dec 25- Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

**1/2/18 Happy New Year**

Session **Thirteen** - “**Jesus Is Our Teacher**” No classes Sun 1/1 & Mon 1/2

Theme: In the Beatitudes, Jesus invites everyone to happiness in this life and eternal joy in the next

**1/7-9 Session Fourteen -“Jesus Heals and Forgives”**

Theme: Forgiveness, a key message of Jesus’ ministry, is given to us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as a way to reconcile our sins

**Unit Four**

*This unit focuses on Jesus’ true identity and how he brings us life*

**1/14-16 – NO Classes on Sunday and Monday– Martin Luther King** - have students do at home. Tuesday classes, do...

Session **Sixteen** - “**Jesus Gives Us Himself**”

Theme: In the Eucharist we recognize the Real Presence of Jesus Christ at the consecration

**1/21-23 Session Seventeen - “Jesus Makes a Choice”**

Theme: Just as Jesus stayed true to his identity as the Son of God, we are called to stay true to our identities as sons and daughters of God

**1/28-30 Session Eighteen - “Jesus Redeems Us”**

Theme: Jesus’ glory is revealed through his suffering, Death, and Resurrection so we know how to live as his disciples in the world

**2/4-6 Session Nineteen - Jesus Brings Us New Life”**

Theme We find Christ’s presence in prayer, in the Christian community, and in the sacraments

**2/11-13** - Catch up week

**2/14/18** - Ash Wednesday

**2/18-20**– No Classes Winter Break

**2/25-27 – Session Fifteen - “Celebrating Lent”**

Theme: We imitate the life of Christ by performing Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving

**3 /4-6 Lent Reconciliation in church**

**Read Lent supplement pp.231-233**

**Community Service hours due this week. Please collect and place in mailbox**

**3/11-13 Easter supplement pp 235-237 &40-242 or May want to try to do Stations in church pp. 284-285**

**3/18-20 Session Twenty Two - “Jesus Sends Us Forth with His Spirit”**

Theme: We celebrate the Holy Spirit’s presence within us and within the Church

**3/25-27 Session Twenty “Celebrating Holy Week & Easter”**

Theme: We enter into the sacred mysteries at the heart of our faith during Holy Week. Jesus’ Resurrection opens the promise of eternal life with him in Heaven

**4/1/18 – Happy Easter – No classes**

**4/2-3 Session Twenty Three - “We Are Called and Sent”**

Theme: Like St. Paul, God calls us to conversion. St. Paul’s words are meant for us as much as for the early Christian communities

**4/8-10 Session Twenty One - “Jesus Open Our Eyes”**

Theme: Jesus’ pathway through his life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension is our path and our hope of being reunited with God

**4/16-20 No Classes – Spring Break**

**4/22-24 Session Twenty Four “Jesus Calls Us to Eternal Life”**

Theme: Mary’s Assumption reflects her exalted place in the Communion of Saints and gives us hope of eternal life with God

**Last week classes**

**4/29- 5/1 Session Twenty Five “Celebrating Pentecost”**

Theme: The Church began with the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We serve the Kingdom of God when we use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.