

**Sacred Heart School**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**Religion**  
**Grade 3**

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Course Description: The religion program in third grade focuses on faith development, a growth in knowledge and appreciation of the mysteries of the Roman Catholic religion expressed in the Creed and the increased ability to make choices in the light of God's revelation and redemptive acts of Jesus.

Course Content: The third grade religion program presents the main truths Catholics believe and express in the Creed. It aims to increase the student's understanding of the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist. Third graders also study the Paschal Mystery, the communion of saints, Mary's Assumption and her role as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

General Course Objectives:

1. The student will realize that he or she is called to be one of God's holy people and will desire to live like Jesus.
2. The student will learn how Jesus helps us answer our call to be holy through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist with greater awareness and love.
3. The student will investigate some of the characteristics of God and will respond to God with loving respect and prayerfulness.
4. The student will discover the attributes of God's Kingdom and will appreciate God's plan to include us as members of the Kingdom.
5. The student will learn about some of the parable and miracles of Jesus.
6. The student will grow in the understanding of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.
7. The student will grow in appreciation of the human family and ways to enrich community life.

Course Materials: Textbook – Blest are We, RCL Benziger (2010)  
Family Life, RCL Benziger (2011)  
Reproducible Resource Materials  
Music

Instructional Strategies: Whole group discussions, role-playing, projects, music, dance, traditional and spontaneous prayer sessions, independent and class scripture research.

Assessment: Teacher observation  
Class participation  
Quizzes  
Projects