



Curriculum

The PSR program uses the *Faith First Legacy Edition* by RCL (Resources for Christian Living) as its textbook. The content is organized according to the 4 pillars of faith as presented in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The textbooks also incorporate Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the observance of the liturgical year into each unit. In the spiral approach of these texts there is a logical sequence across the grades by which important topics (i.e. Reconciliation and Eucharist) are introduced, taught, reviewed and reinforced each year for grades 1-6. In this regard, the following listings include only the most basic content new for that grade level, not the reviewed and reinforced topic (Taken from the Scope and Sequence and referenced to the Archdiocesan Curriculum Standard).

GRADE K

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

God: Creator of all the world; loves each person as a unique child of God

Jesus: Sent by God the Father to be with us; Mary is the mother of Jesus

Church/Liturgy: As members of God's family we go to Mass on Sunday

Prayer forms: Sign of the Cross; Hail Mary

Christian Living: Follow example of Jesus and the Holy Family

Scripture: Bible is holy book from God; tells us of God's love and Jesus' life

7 Sacraments: special gifts from God. Baptism makes us children of God, members of God's family.

GRADE 1

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

Jesus: Son of God; brother, teacher; gave us the Great Commandment

Church: we are children of God, belong to the church through Baptism

Church Liturgical season: Advent, Christmas

Prayer forms: Sign of the Cross; Hail Mary; Our Father

Christian living: pray together at Mass on Sunday; love as Jesus did

Scripture: Creation story; Mary, Mother of God; holy family, Saint Joseph

7 Sacraments: Baptism is gift from God that unites us in God's family.

GRADE 2

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

Jesus: Son of God, fulfills Old Testament promise; John the Baptist points to Jesus

Jesus gathers his disciples.

Jesus: teaches/models healing and forgiveness to all he meets.

Jesus: gives us His Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

Preparation for First Reconciliation

Know: God loves us and will forgive every sin the Great Commandment and the Ten Commandments Act of Contrition.

Understand the priest takes the place of Jesus.

Understand mortal and venial sin

Understand concepts of choice, sin, sorrow and forgiveness

Understand at their own level: examination of conscience, confession, absolution, Contrition and penance

Preparation for First Eucharist

Know: two main parts of the Mass-Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Know: the priest takes the place of Jesus

Know: Transubstantiation...the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus

Know: Real Presence...after consecration Jesus is here, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity

Understand reverence for: bible, tabernacle, altar, chalice.

Understand kneeling, genuflecting other church postures.

Parent meetings and extra student review sessions: The importance of parental support in sacramental preparation for their children requires their attendance at two sessions for each Sacrament. Also, there is required 2 review sessions for the students for each sacrament and 2 parent/student practices for First Eucharist.