

The Old Testament, the Trinity, and the Mission of Christ

Scope and Sequence

Chapter	Title	Main Chapter Concepts	Key Words	Scripture Passages	Catechism References	Person of Faith
1	Revelation, Sacred Scripture, and Sacred Tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through Revelation, God makes himself known to us. • God revealed himself fully in his Son, Jesus Christ. • God also reveals himself through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation • Sacred Scripture • Gospels • Inspiration • Sacred Tradition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery of God (Job 38; 42:1–6) 	CCC, 47, 46, 68, 69, 97, 98, 138, 139, 136, 137	
2	The Bible: God’s Plan for Salvation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible reveals to us God’s plan, called salvation history. • Salvation history includes eight important stages: primeval history, the patriarchs, Egypt and the Exodus, the Promised Land and the judges, the kings and the prophets, the Exile and the return, the life of Jesus Christ, and the Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • salvation history • covenant • Exodus • Exile • Gentiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God Spoke through His Son (Hebrews 1:1–2) • The Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:2) • Justice (Amos 5:24) • Jesus Comes from God (John 6:68–69) 		Saint Jerome
3	God the Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God revealed himself to Moses as “I AM WHO AM.” • Later God revealed himself as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. • Jesus taught us to pray to God as a loving Father. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yahweh • mystery • Abba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of Cloud (Matthew 17:5) • God Knows Us (Psalm 139) • I AM (Exodus 3:14) • God’s Comfort (Isaiah 66:13) • God’s Thoughts (Isaiah 55:8–9) • The Father and Jesus (Matthew 11:27) 	CCC, 231, 230, 2680	
4	The Holy Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons. • The Holy Trinity is a community of unity and love. • We share in the life of the Holy Trinity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinity • God the Father • Son of God • Holy Spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:13) • One God (Deuteronomy 6:4–5) • The Word (John 1:1–3) • The Commission to Baptize (Matthew 28:19–20) 	CCC, 261, 267, 316	Saint Patrick

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5	The Bible: The Old Testament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because as Christians we have Jewish roots, we read the Old Testament to understand our faith better. • The Old Testament is divided into four major sections: the Pentateuch, the historical books, the wisdom and poetry books, and the prophets. (Each of the four sections is described in this chapter.) • The Pentateuch consists of the first five books of the Bible, also called the Torah. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentateuch • Judges • prophet • Baal and Asherah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's Love Is Eternal (Psalm 118) • Love the Lord Your God (Deuteronomy 6:4–6) • Serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15) • God, Save Me! (Psalm 64:1) • Jesus Fulfills the Prophetic Teachings (Matthew 5:17) • Do What Is Right (Amos 5:14) 	CCC, 129	
6	Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is the Creator of all that exists. • Because of free choice and human sin, evil exists. • We share responsibility for helping the world to be what God wants it to be—a place where love rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaven and earth • creation • angels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaven and Earth (Genesis 1:1–3) • God Made Us to Be Like Him (Genesis 1:26) • We Are Responsible (Genesis 1:28) 	CCC, 317, 315, 319, 324, 353, 350, 316, 320	Saint Francis of Assisi
7	The Human Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being human means that we are made in the image and likeness of God. • We are made of both a physical body and an immortal soul. • We are wounded by Original Sin, yet returning to God through Christ is what will make us happy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • human person • soul • Original Sin • temptation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God Created Us (Genesis 1:27, 31) • Original Sin (Genesis 2:16–17) • One God and Father (Ephesians 4:6) 	CCC, 382, 383, 384, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 45, 44, 381	
8	The Bible: Covenants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout salvation history, God made covenants with his chosen people, with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. • In Jesus Christ, God made a covenant established forever, the New Covenant. • The New Covenant is the fulfillment of all of God's previous covenants with his people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan • Chosen People • Ten Commandments • New Covenant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's Command in the Garden (Genesis 2:16–17) • Offspring of a Woman (Genesis 3:15) • Covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:16) • Covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:16) • We Are Abraham's Descendants through Christ (Genesis 18:17–18) 		

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9	Faith: Responding to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith is belief in God and responding to his call. • Faith is both a gift from God and our freely chosen response to him. • Faith is expressed in the creeds of the Church, trust in God, and love and care for others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • faith • creed • monotheistic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help Me Have Faith (Mark 9:24) • Faith as a Mustard Seed (Matthew 17:20) • Faith in Action (James 2:14–17) • The Lord Is God (Deuteronomy 6:4) • Worship God Alone (Matthew 4:10) 	CCC, 176, 183, 179, 180, 181, 228, 229	Blessed Mother Teresa
10	The Bible: The Prophets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A prophet is someone who speaks for God, who announces God’s truth. • The prophets who have books of the Bible named after them are the classical prophets or the writing prophets. • The prophets prepared God’s people for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messiah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Me! (Isaiah 6:8) • Ahab (1 Kings 16:33) • Amos (Amos 2:6–7) • Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:11, 13–14) • Second Isaiah (Isaiah 40–55, 56–66) • Good News (Isaiah 50:4–9, 52:13–53:12) • Jesus Fulfills Scripture (Luke 4:21) • What God Requires (Micah 6:8) 		Saint Martin de Porres Saint Peter Claver Bartolomé de las Casas
11	Jesus Christ, True God and True Man	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Good News of the Gospels is the Incarnation, the truth that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Second Person of the Trinity, is both fully God and fully man. • We get to know Jesus through Scripture, through the teaching of the Church (Tradition), and through prayer and the Sacraments. • Jesus saves us from sin and death through grace—a share in God’s own divine life and love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incarnation • Messiah • mediator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Word Among Us (John 1:14) • In Human Likeness (Philippians 2:6–7) • The Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16–17) • I AM (John 8:58) • The Father and Jesus Are One (John 10:30) • Jesus, Son of God (John 19:7) • Thomas Recognizes Jesus (John 20:28) • Listen to Him (Mark 9:7) • God So Loved the World (John 3:16) • I Am the Way (John 14:6) • We Share in God’s Life (2 Peter 1:3) 	CCC, 470, 479, 483, 454, 455, 479, 453, 452, 480, 460	

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12	The Birth of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The angel Gabriel’s announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of the Son of God is called the Annunciation. • Jesus was born in lowly conditions to remind us not to judge others by their appearance or possessions. • From the moment she came into being, God kept Mary from the stain of Original Sin; we call this the Immaculate Conception. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annunciation • Magi • Immaculate Conception 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Angel’s Message (Luke 1:35, 37) • Firstborn Son (Luke 2:7) • The Savior (Luke 2:11) • Joy to All People (Luke 2:10) • The Magi (Matthew 2:2) • King Herod’s Decree (Matthew 2:16) • God’s Own Son (Galatians 4:4–5) • God Is With Us (Matthew 1:22–23, Isaiah 7:14) • Bethlehem (Matthew 2:4–6, Micah 5:2) • May It Be (Luke 1:38) • Mary Remembered (Luke 2:19) 	CCC, 495, 509, 508, 510	Saint Nicholas of Myra
13	Jesus Teaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus’ teaching centers on the Kingdom of God, made real when we live God’s rule of love and goodness. • Jesus teaches by his every word and action, in his hidden life at Nazareth and in his public life. • Jesus teaches the meaning of the Law and the prophets: to love God and neighbor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom of God • parables • Transfiguration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe the Good News! (Mark 1:15) • John the Baptist (Matthew 3:3, 11, 30; Luke 7:28) • God Spoke through His Son (Hebrews 1:1–2) • My Father’s House (Luke 2:49) • Son of Mary (Mark 6:3) • Jewish Customs (Matthew 23:5) • All People Welcome (John 12:32) • The Narrow Gate (Matthew 7:14) • Happy the Spiritually Poor (Matthew 5:3) • The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:2, 5; Mark 9:7) • Demands of New Law (Matthew 5:21–22) • To Whom Shall We Go? (John 6:68) • Keeping Old Law (Matthew 5:18) 	CCC, 561, 592	Saint John Baptist de La Salle Ursuline Sisters of New Orleans

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14	Jesus Heals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus can heal both body and soul because he is both God and man. • Jesus heals 1) out of concern for people, 2) because of faith in him, 3) to improve a person's soul, and 4) to cure spiritual evils. • Jesus heals us today through the Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. • We share in the healing work of Jesus through the Works of Mercy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • miracle • reconciles • Works of Mercy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Healed (Luke 6:19) • Help Me Have Faith (Mark 9:24) • Man Born Blind (Mark 9:38) • Your Sins Are Forgiven (Mark 2:5) • Food That Lasts (John 6:27) • Peace I Leave (John 14:27) • Zacchaeus (Luke 19:8) • Peter's Healings (Acts 3:6, 9:34) 		
15	The Death of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Passion is the extreme suffering of Jesus' last hours—his agony and his death. • We commemorate and participate in the Passion of Jesus during Holy Week. • The mystery of how Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension saves us from sin and death is called the Paschal Mystery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passion • Passover • Paschal Mystery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greatest Love (John 15:13) • God's Love (1 John 4:10) • Forgive Them! (Luke 23:34) • The Lamb of God (John 1:29) • This Is My Body (Luke 22:19–20) • Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:11) • Forgiveness (Isaiah 53:12) • Why Have You Abandoned Me? (Psalm 22:1, 6–7) • All for God's Glory (1 Corinthians 10:31) • You Will Be With Me (Luke 23:42–43) 	CCC, 620–621, 629, 637	Saint Dismas
16	The Resurrection of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resurrection—Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter Sunday—is God's greatest miracle. • In the Resurrection and Ascension, the humanity of Jesus entered a new realm, God's Kingdom. • We begin to share in the resurrected life of Jesus at Baptism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurrection • Ascension • Last Judgment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Am the Resurrection (John 11:25) • Without Resurrection, Nothing (1 Corinthians 15:14) • Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4) • Happy Those Who Believe (John 20:29) • Raised from the Dead (Colossians 1:18) • Forty Days After (Acts 1:3–4) • Jesus Explains Scripture (Luke 24:27) • We Shall Be Like Christ (1 John 3:2) 	CCC, 656, 658, 665, 682	Saint Mary Magdalene

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17	The Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Spirit is inseparable from the Father and the Son, and brings us God's life and love. From the beginning of creation, the Holy Spirit has prepared God's people for the coming of the Messiah. As the Holy Spirit worked in the life of Mary and of Jesus, so the Holy Spirit works now in the Church through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Wind Swept Over the Waters (Genesis 1:1–2) Wisdom and Knowledge (Isaiah 11:2) Justice (Isaiah 42:1) The Spirit Is Upon Jesus (Luke 4:18–19) The Father Will Give You a Helper (John 14:16–17) Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:21–22) God's Gift of the Spirit (Romans 5:5) James and John Follow Jesus (Matthew 4:21–22) John and Mary (John 19:26) The Holy Spirit Teaches (John 14:26) God Loved the World (John 3:16) 	CCC, 721, 730, 316, 743, 744, 852, 1112, 747	Saint John the Evangelist
18	Grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God reaches out to us through grace, his life and love. In union with Jesus, we can bring the grace of God to others. In accepting and using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we respond to God's call to live holy lives and to share God's love with others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grace sanctifying grace Gifts of the Holy Spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Fruit (Matthew 7:16–17) Those Who Love Me (John 14:23) I Am the Vine (John 15:5) Love One Another (John 13:34–35) 	CCC, 2021, 2022, 2025, 1845, 2017, 2023, 2027, 2082	

Beliefs and Practices

The Precepts of the Church (CCC, 2042, 2043)

Glossary

The definitions of the following words in the Glossary were based on the referenced paragraphs of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

angel (350), covenant (71), faith (176), human person (382), Incarnation (480, 483), inspiration (136), justification (2019), Original Sin (417), soul (382), virtues (1833, 1834, 1840).