

God's Law Guides Us

GRADE FOUR SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

1. God sent his Son to us
 - a. Jesus showed us how to live
 - b. Jesus taught the Beatitudes: ways to live as disciples of Jesus
 - c. The disciples spread the word of God and continued Jesus' mission
2. We celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - a. Sin is a thought, word or action against God's law
 - b. Conscience is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong, good and evil
 - c. Free will is the freedom to choose our actions
 - d. An examination of conscience helps us to reflect on how our choices measure up to God's commandments and love
 - e. Act of Contrition prayers help us express our sorrow for what we have done wrong
3. The church year is called the Liturgical Year and in it we celebrate everything about Jesus Christ
 - a. The liturgical cycle begins with Advent
 - b. The cycle is divided into Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter and Ordinary time
 - c. During Ordinary time we hear the gospels of Matthew, Mark or Luke in a 3-year cycle
4. The Ten Commandments are God's laws for his people
 - a. The first three Commandments teach us to love God
 1. The First Commandment teaches us to love one God only
 2. The Second Commandment teaches us to respect and honor God's name
 3. The Third Commandment teaches us to honor God by keeping the Lord's Day holy
 - b. The rest of the Commandments help us to love others
 1. The Fourth Commandment teaches us respect and care for our families and communities
 2. The Fifth Commandment teaches us that all life is sacred and the right to life is the most basic human right
 3. The Sixth Commandment teaches us to honor the unique love between husband and wife and to live in a healthy manner
 4. The Seventh Commandment teaches us to respect and care for the property of others and God's Creation
 5. The Eighth Commandment teaches us to witness the truth
 6. The Ninth and Tenth Commandments teach us to be pure of heart and to have thankful hearts
5. Mass is composed of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist
6. We grow in holiness through prayer, Sacrament and the gifts of the Holy Spirit