



Middle School: Religion Curriculum Overview

GRADE 7

Seventh grade Religion class is a study of our discipleship with Christ: the Persons of the Holy Trinity and the foundation of our Catholic faith; the New Testament and Jesus' life, ministry, and salvation; the Sacraments; and faith in action, including the liturgical year, vocations, Cardinal Virtues, Works of Mercy, and working for justice and peace.

Textbook: *We Live Our Faith as Disciples of Jesus*, Sadlier; *Breakthrough Bible*, St. Mary's Press

GRADE 8

Eighth grade religion class is a study of living as members of the Church: living a faithful life by making moral choices and following the Commandments; Church history from its foundation through the present, including the challenges faced by the Church and how faithful members addressed those challenges; and what it means to be Catholic, including Catholic Social Teachings and participation in the Church community.

Eighth graders will attend an overnight retreat in February. This will be an opportunity for students to reflect on their own faith journey, as well as bond as a class.

Students in both classes will read and reflect on each Sunday's Liturgical readings, particularly the Gospel. Each class will begin with student-led prayer. Students will sign up to lead prayer about once a month. This schedule will be posted in my classroom and students are expected to come prepared to lead on their assigned day. Each class will also lead the Liturgy at two all-school Masses this year. For the eighth graders, this includes two special Masses: the Epiphany Mass (including the traditional skit) and their own Graduation Mass.

Our Catholic faith calls us to serve others; as such, service hours are an important component of Religious Education at Saint Rose. Students are required to complete at least ten hours of service across three categories: family, school, and church/community.