

## Grade 3 • Unit 1 • We Believe, Part One

### CHAPTER 1 — God Speaks to Us

#### Faith Concepts:

- God gives us the gift of faith to help us know and believe in him.
- God speaks to us through the Bible.
- God speaks to us through the Church.

**Sacred Scripture:** Mark 9:2-7 (The Transfiguration of Jesus); Mark 10:21 (You will have treasure in Heaven.); 2 Timothy 3:15-16 (Sacred Scriptures come from God.); Acts 2:42, 45-47 (Early Church community)

**Disciple Power:** love (Theological Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** faith, Holy Trinity

**Faith-Filled People:** the Evangelists

**Catholics Believe:** creeds of the Church

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Francis of Assisi

**Prayer:** The Glory Be (English and Spanish)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 232-260

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 49-63

### CHAPTER 3 — Mary Trusted God

#### Faith Concepts:

- God the Father chose Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus.
- Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.
- Mary shows us what it means to say “Yes” to God.

**Sacred Scripture:** Proverbs 3:5-6 (Trust in the Lord.); Luke 1:28, 31, 35, 38 (The Annunciation)  
Luke 1: 45-46, 49 (The Magnificat)

**Disciple Power:** honor (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Annunciation, Incarnation

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Elizabeth, Mary’s cousin

**Catholics Believe:** Marian feast days

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Mary the Immaculate Conception, patron Saint of the United States

**Prayer:** Salve Maria

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 456-478, 484-507

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 141-149

## Grade 3 • Unit 2 • We Believe, Part Two

### CHAPTER 5 — Jesus is Risen!

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus suffered and died on the Cross to save all people from their sins.
- Three days after Jesus died and was buried, he rose from the dead.
- Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he ascended to the Father in Heaven.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 33:22 (We hope in the Lord.); Matthew 27:59-60; 28:1, 5-7 (The Women at the Empty Tomb); Luke 23:26, 33, 34, 44, 46 (The Crucifixion of Jesus); Luke 24:50-51 (The Ascension of Jesus)

**Disciple Power:** hope (Theological Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Paschal Mystery

**Faith-Filled People:** Joseph of Arimathea

**Catholics Believe:** The Apostles’ Creed

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

**Prayer:** a prayer of adoration

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 599-655

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 89-100

### CHAPTER 2 — God the Creator

#### Faith Concepts:

- God alone is Creator, who created everyone and everything.
- God created people with a body and a soul, and in his image and likeness.
- God always cares for us and for all of his creation.

**Sacred Scripture:** Genesis 1:3-27, 31 (God created everything and everyone.) Genesis 1:26-30 (Creation of human beings); Psalm 19:2 (Creation tells the glory of God.); Matthew 6:30-32 (Our heavenly Father knows our needs.)

**Disciple Power:** generosity (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** creation, Divine Providence

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Andrew the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** prayers of blessing

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Sisters of the Good Shepherd

**Prayer:** Psalm 104 (English and Vietnamese)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 279-314, 325-349, 355-379

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 53-63

### CHAPTER 4 — Jesus, the Son of God

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Savior God promised to send.
- Jesus grew in age and wisdom, obeying Mary and Joseph.
- Jesus announced the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 25:34-36 (What we do for the least among us, we do for Jesus.); Luke 2:28-30, 37-38 (Salvation prepared for us); Luke 2:46-47, 51-52 (Finding Jesus in the Temple.)

**Disciple Power:** justice (Cardinal Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Messiah, Kingdom of God

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Joseph, husband of Mary

**Catholics Believe:** Holy Childhood Association

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Martin de Porres

**Prayer:** The Penitential Act

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 512-560

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 77-87

### CHAPTER 6 — The Gift of the Holy Spirit

#### Faith Concepts:

- God the Father sent the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name to always be with the Church.
- On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and helped them teach others about Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, Teacher, and Guide.

**Sacred Scripture:** John 14:15-17; 16:5-7 (The Promise of the Holy Spirit); Acts 1:12-14 (The Coming of the Holy Spirit); Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4, 14, 41 (Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost); Romans 8:26 (The Holy Spirit helps us.)

**Disciple Power:** joy (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Holy Spirit, Pentecost

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Mary Magdalene

**Catholics Believe:** Fruits of the Holy Spirit

**The Church Follows Jesus:** singing spirituals

**Prayer:** a sung prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 687-747

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 101-110

## CHAPTER 7 — The Church

### Faith Concepts:

- The Church is the holy People of God.
- All the people of the Church are called to live holy lives.
- All the people of the Church help others come to know and follow Jesus.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 28:19-20 (Baptize all nations.); 1 Corinthians 6:19 (Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.); 1 Peter 2:9-10 (God has chosen you.)

**Disciple Power:** faithfulness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Apostles, Church

**Faith-Filled People:** the ordained

**Catholics Believe:** the Works of Mercy

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Pope Benedict XVI

**Prayer:** The Our Father (English and Spanish)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 770-801, 849-933

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp.111-139

## CHAPTER 8 — The Communion of Saints

### Faith Concepts:

- Saints are those people whose love for God is stronger than their love for anyone or anything else.
- The Church is the Communion of Saints.
- The Church is the Body of Christ.

**Sacred Scripture:** Mark 12:30 (Love God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.); 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 (The Church is the Body of Christ.)

**Disciple Power:** humility (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Saints, Communion of Saints

**Faith-Filled People:** patron Saints

**Catholics Believe:** praying to the Saints

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Juan Diego

**Prayer:** a litany to the saints

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 946-959, 1172-1173, 1402-1405

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp.153-162

## Grade 3 • Unit 3 • We Worship, Part One

### CHAPTER 9 — A People of Prayer

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus suffered and died on the cross to save all people from their sins.
- Three days after Jesus died and was buried, he rose from the dead.
- Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he ascended to the Father in Heaven.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 33:22 (We hope in the Lord.); Matthew 27:59-60; 28:1, 5-7 (The Women at the Empty Tomb); Luke 23:26, 33, 34, 44, 46 (The Crucifixion of Jesus); Luke 24:50-51 (Ascension of Jesus)

**Disciple Power:** hope (theological virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Paschal Mystery

**Faith-Filled People:** Joseph of Arimathea

**Catholics Believe:** The Apostles' Creed

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

**Prayer:** a prayer of adoration

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 599-655

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 89-100

### CHAPTER 10 — The Church Year

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Liturgy is the Church's public worship of God and the work of the whole Church.
- The Church's year of worship is called the liturgical year.
- The liturgical year includes Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Ordinary Time.

**Sacred Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (A Time for Everything)

**Disciple Power:** diligence (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** worship, liturgy

**Faith-Filled People:** the Elect

**Catholics Believe:** liturgical colors

**The Church Follows Jesus:** diversity of the Church

**Prayer:** a prayer of thanksgiving (Sign Language)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1135-1186

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 165-179

### CHAPTER 11 — Celebrating God's Love

#### Faith Concepts:

- The Sacraments of Christian Initiation lay the foundation for our lives as disciples of Jesus.
- Baptism joins us to Christ and to the Church, the Body of Christ.
- Confirmation strengthens our Baptism and helps us to live as Jesus' followers.

**Sacred Scripture:** John 13:34 (Love one another.)

**Disciple Power:** fortitude (cardinal virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** sacraments, Sacraments of Christian Initiation

**Faith-Filled People:** the Apostles

**Catholics Believe:** sacramentals

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Peter Claver

**Prayer:** Baptismal promises (English and Spanish)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1135-1158, 1210-1274, 1285-1314

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 181-211

### CHAPTER 12 — God's Healing Love

#### Faith Concepts:

- In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God forgives us for our sins when we are truly sorry.
- In Reconciliation, the Holy Spirit helps us to not sin again.
- In the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, our faith and trust in God are made stronger.

**Sacred Scripture:** Luke 7:6-10 (Healing of the Centurion's servant.); Luke 15:16-24 (The Parable of the Forgiving Father); John 20:23 (The Apostles receive the power to forgive sins.)

**Disciple Power:** kindness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** sin, Sacraments of Healing

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Peter the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** the Beatitudes

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Pedro de Betancur

**Prayer:** An Act of Contrition

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1420-1484, 1499-1525

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp.181-211

## Grade 3 • Unit 4 • We Worship, Part Two

### CHAPTER 13 — The Word of God

#### Faith Concepts:

- A parable is a story that Jesus used to teach people.
- Catholics have the obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays.
- The Liturgy of the Word is the first main part of the liturgy.

**Sacred Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:8–12 (God calls Samuel.); Mark 4:2–9 (Parable of the Sower)

**Disciple Power:** understanding (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** parables

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Jerome

**Catholics Believe:** Catholic Relief Services

**The Church Follows Jesus:** St. John's Abbey

**Prayer:** Gospel Procession, Cameroon

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 101–141

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 22–33

### CHAPTER 15 — The Sacrament of Matrimony

#### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus performed a miracle at the wedding at Cana to show God's power at work in the world.
- At Baptism we receive our vocation to share in Jesus' life and work.
- In Matrimony, a baptized man and a baptized woman become a sign of God's love in the world.

**Sacred Scripture:** Ruth 1:16 (Ruth says she will follow God and stay with Naomi.); John 2:3–11 (Wedding at Cana)

**Disciple Power:** chastity (capital virtue and Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** miracle, Matrimony

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Catholics Believe:** the wedding ring

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Blessed Maria and Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi

**Prayer:** Blessing of servants: We ask your blessing, Lord (in Haitian)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1601–1666

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 277–292

## Grade 3 • Unit 5 • We Live, Part One

### CHAPTER 17 — Happiness with God

#### Faith Concepts:

- God gives us the gift of grace to share in his divine life.
- God gives us the grace to live a holy and happy life.
- Jesus promised us the gift of eternal life and happiness in Heaven.

**Sacred Scripture:** Luke 14: 16, 18–21, 23 (The Parable of the Great Feast); John 14:2–3 (Jesus prepares a place for us in Heaven.); 1 Corinthians 2:9 (We do not know what God has prepared for those who love him.)

**Disciple Power:** piety (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** sanctifying grace, Heaven

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Thomas the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** incense

**The Church Follows Jesus:** a Funeral Mass

**Prayer:** an act of hope

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1020–1050, 1997–2016

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 152–162, 168–169, 193, 329, 336

### CHAPTER 14 — The Bread of Life

#### Faith Concepts:

- At the Eucharist, we celebrate what Jesus did at the Last Supper.
- At the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- The Eucharist is the Blessed Sacrament

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 26:26–28 (The Last Supper.); Acts 3:6 (Peter heals a crippled man.)

**Disciple Power:** goodness (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Eucharist, Blessed Sacrament

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Jeanne Jugan

**Catholics Believe:** holy days of obligation

**The Church Follows Jesus:** parish cultural diversity

**Prayer:** Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1322–1405

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 213–232

### CHAPTER 16 — Called to Serve

#### Faith Concepts:

- Bishops and priests lead people in worshipping God and learning and living their faith.
- Deacons help bishops and work with priests.
- Men and women called to imitate Jesus in special ways are part of the consecrated life.

**Sacred Scripture:** Isaiah 6:8 (Here I am, send me.); John 13:4–5, 15 (Jesus washes the disciples' feet.)

**Disciple Power:** wisdom (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Holy Orders, consecrated life

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Teresa of Ávila (Saint Teresa of Jesus)

**Catholics Believe:** the Pope

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Sisters of Mercy

**Prayer:** a vocation prayer

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1533–1589

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 262–275

### CHAPTER 18 — God's Laws of Love

#### Faith Concepts:

- The First Commandment teaches us to love God above all else.
- The Second Commandment teaches us to love God by honoring his name.
- The Third Commandment teaches us to love God by keeping the Lord's Day holy.

**Sacred Scripture:** Exodus 20:2–3, 7–8 (Moses shares the first three of the Ten Commandments.); Matthew 5:17–19 (Jesus shows us how to live the Commandments); John 14:21; 15:12 (The New Commandment); 1 John 4:7–10 (God is love.)

**Disciple Power:** gentleness (Fruit of Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Ten Commandments

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint John the Apostle

**Catholics Believe:** cathedrals

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Josephine Bakhita

**Prayer:** a prayer of adoration

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 218–221, 253–256, 2084–2132, 2142–2159, 2168–2188

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 339–371

## CHAPTER 19 — Love One Another

### Faith Concepts:

- The last seven Commandments teach us how to love and respect others and ourselves.
- They teach us to honor and respect people and the things that belong to them.
- They teach us to be honest and truthful, kind and generous.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 133:1 (Living together in peace and with respect); Exodus 20:12-17 (Moses is given the Fourth through Tenth Commandments.)

**Disciple Power:** self-control (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** obey, covet

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Frances Cabrini

**Catholics Believe:** the Christian family

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Father Elwood Cassidy

**Prayer:** Prayers of Intercession

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2196, 2217-2246, 2258-2317, 2331-2391, 2401-2449, 2464-2503, 2514-2527, 2534-2550

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 373-457

## Grade 3 • Unit 6 • We Live, Part Two

## CHAPTER 21 — Witnesses of Faith

### Faith Concepts:

- Saul became one of Jesus' disciples and became known as Paul.
- Women disciples also accompanied Jesus and the Apostles.
- Missionaries travel all over the world to help people come to know Jesus.

**Sacred Scripture:** Luke 8:1-3 (women disciples of Jesus); John 9:25 (Jesus healed a blind man.); Acts 9:3-6, 8, 18 (Conversion of Saul)

**Disciple Power:** reverence (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** missionaries

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint John Neumann

**Catholics Believe:** holy people of God

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

**Prayer:** Memorial Acclamation

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 811-812, 849-867

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 125-139

## CHAPTER 23 — Living Our Faith

### Faith Concepts:

- The Beatitudes show ways Jesus wants his disciples to live.
- The Beatitudes name the qualities and actions of people blessed by God.
- The Beatitudes tell us what happens to people who obey God's Laws.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 34:2,3 (I bless and give glory to God.); Matthew 5:3-10 (Jesus teaches the Beatitudes.); 1 Corinthians 10:13 (God is faithful and is always with you.)

**Disciple Power:** perseverance (capital virtue as related to patience)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Beatitudes

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Pauline of the Suffering Heart of Jesus

**Catholics Believe:** solidarity

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Catholic Charities USA

**Prayer:** prayer for the Kingdom of God, with French response

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 1716-1729

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 307-309

## CHAPTER 20 — The Great Commandment

### Faith Concepts:

- We show we are friends of God when we keep our promise to live the Covenant.
- We live the Covenant when we love God with our whole hearts.
- We live the Covenant when we love other people as we love ourselves.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 22:35-40 (Jesus teaches the Great Commandment.); Luke 6:35 (Love your enemies.); John 15:12-13 (We are love like Jesus.); 1 John 4:20 (If you say you love God but hate someone, you are a liar.)

**Disciple Power:** prudence (Cardinal Virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** Covenant, Great Commandment

**Faith-Filled People:** Dorothy Day

**Catholics Believe:** precepts of the Church

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Our Lady of La Vang

**Prayer:** Psalm 146

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 54-67, 2052-2055, 2083

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pg. 345

## CHAPTER 22 — The Creeds

### Faith Concepts:

- We profess what we believe about God when we pray the creeds of the Church.
- The Apostles' Creed is a summary of what the Church has believed since the time of the Apostles.
- Praying the creeds of the Church helps us grow as a Church family.

**Sacred Scripture:** Romans 8:26 (The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.); 1 Corinthians 12:3 (The Holy Spirit helps us to believe in Jesus.); Hebrews 11:2 (Jesus is the Author of faith.)

**Disciple Power:** knowledge (Gift of the Holy Spirit)

**Faith Vocabulary:** creeds, Apostles' Creed

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Bernadette

**Catholics Believe:** baptismal promises

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Paul Miki and Friends

**Prayer:** Te Deum with Japanese refrain

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2650-2672

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 35-63

## CHAPTER 24 — Praying as Jesus Did

### Faith Concepts:

- Jesus taught us to talk and listen to God the Father.
- Jesus taught us to pray with trust.
- Jesus gave us a prayer to ask for what we need and forgive others.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 6:9 (When you pray, say, "Our Father."); Luke 23:34, 46 (Jesus surrenders to the Father.); 1 Thessalonians 1:2 (We give thanks to God.)

**Disciple Power:** obedience (capital virtue)

**Faith Vocabulary:** hallowed

**Faith-Filled People:** Saint Teresa of the Andes

**Catholics Believe:** houses of prayer

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Monica

**Prayer:** Hallowed Be Thy Name (English and Spanish)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 2558-2567, 2598-2619, 2700-2719

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 481-495