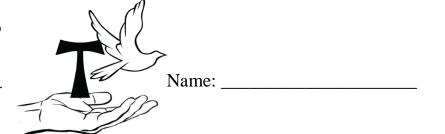
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God the Father

God the Father is the first person of the Trinity.

The Holy Trinity is the term used to express our one God in the three persons of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

Monotheism is the used to describe religion that believes in one God.

The term omnipresent is used to describe that God is everywhere.

The term omniscient is used to describe that God is all knowing.

The term omnipotent is used to describe that God is all Powerful.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity

Jesus Christ has two natures; Jesus is true God and true man.

The name "Jesus" means "God saves."

The central focus of Jesus' preaching in the synoptic Gospels is the Kingdom of God (sometimes called the Kingdom of Heaven, especially in Matthew's Gospel.)

Jesus performed several miracles during his earthly ministry. You must know some of them.

Jesus often taught in parables during his earthly ministry. You must know some of them.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Right Judgment (aka council), Courage (aka fortitude), Understanding, Wonder & Awe (aka fear of the Lord), Reverence (aka piety), and Knowledge.

The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

His Church

Scripture and Tradition makes up God's revelation of himself to the Catholic Church.

When the priest says "The Lord be with you" we reply: "And with your Spirit."

The word "Consubstantial" in the Nicene Creed, and it means "of the same substance."

Sacred Scripture is the divinely inspired Word of God. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit God chose men throughout history to use their human faculties to write the Revelation of Himself in the Old and New Testaments

Sacred Tradition is Jesus' teaching passed to us through Church teaching, and the lived faith of the Church.

Magisterium is he teaching branch of the Church; the Pope and Bishops in union with him.

There are 73 books in the Bible, 46 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament.

Jesus called Peter the Apostle to become the first Pope.

Pentecost Sunday takes place 50 days after Easter and is sometimes called the birth day of the Church.

The Churches liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent.

The 4 Marks of the Church are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

Fr. John Assalone is the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi.

The 10 Commandments in the Old Testament are often referred to as the Old Law. In contrast the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapters 5-7 is often referred to as the New Law.

The word "Apostle" means "One who is Sent".

The word "Mass" means "Send forth."

Some fundamental doctrines concerning Mary are that she was conceived without sin (the Immaculate Conception), she bore Jesus as a virgin and remained a virgin for the rest of her life, she is known as the "Theotokos" or "God Bearer" the Mother of God, at her death she was assumed body and soul into heaven making her the Queen of Heaven and the saints (the Assumption).

The four mysteries of the rosary are the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious mysteries.

Sacraments

The sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This is the original order they were received in the early Church and the order they are received by those who enter the Church through the RCIA process in this diocese.

The sacraments of service are Holy Orders and Matrimony. Both these sacraments are lifelong vocations that cannot be broken.

The sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. A person may receive these sacraments many times in their life.

The sacred Chrism is the oil that a person is anointed with at the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!", it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; it renders our bond with the Church more perfect; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

Transubstantiation is the term used to describe the change of the substances of bread and wine on the altar into Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity

The term Eucharist means "Thanksgiving".

The effects of Baptism include the forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ. Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated

Morality

The 2 great commandments that Jesus gave us were "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind, and with all your strength" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The 10 Commandments:

- 1. I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- 4. Honor your father and your mother.
- 5. You shall not kill.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The 5 Precepts of the Church are "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. You shall confess your sins at least once a year. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. And you shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."

Prayer

The Act of Contrition:

O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against You, Whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Hail Mary:

Hail Mary full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.