Cumulative GLOSSARY GRADES 1-6

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Abba [Grade 5]

The name Jesus used for God the Father that reveals the love and trust that exist between Jesus, God the Son, and God the Father.

actual grace [Grade 5]

Actual grace is the additional gift of God's presence with us to help us live as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ.

adoration [Grade 6]

Adoration is a form of prayer that declares God is the source of all. We acknowledge God is Almighty Creator, in whom we depend upon for everything.

almighty [Grade 2]

God alone is almighty. This means that only God has the power to do everything good.

almighty [Grade 4] God's power to do everything and anything good.

almsgiving [Grade 6]

Money, food, or material given to the poor as an act of penance or charity.

angels [Grade 1] Angels give honor and glory to God. They are God's messengers and helpers.

Annunciation [Grade 3]

The Annunciation is the announcement the angel Gabriel made to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The angel told Mary that God had chosen her to be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

Annunciation [Grade 5]

The announcement to the Virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel that God has chosen her to be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing of the Sick [Grade 6]

The Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament of Healing that strengthens our faith, hope, and love for God when we are seriously ill, weakened by old age, or dying.

Apostles [Grade 3]

The Apostles were the first leaders of the Church. Jesus chose them to baptize and teach in his name.

Apostles' Creed [Grade 3]

The Apostles' Creed is a brief summary of what the Church has believed from the time of the Apostles.

Ascension [Grade 2]

The Ascension is the return of the Risen Jesus to his Father in Heaven forty days after the Resurrection.

assembly [Grade 2]

The assembly is the people God gathered to celebrate Mass. All members of the assembly share in the celebration of Mass.

attributes of God [Grade 5]

Qualities of God that help us understand the mystery of God.



Baptism [Grade 1]

Baptism is the first Sacrament that we celebrate. In Baptism, we receive the gift of God's life and become members of the Church.

Baptism [Grade 2]

Baptism is the Sacrament that joins us to Christ and makes us members of the Church. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and become adopted sons and daughters of God.

Baptism [Grade 5]

Baptism is the Sacrament of Christian Initiation in which we are first joined to Jesus Christ, become members of the Church, are reborn as God's adopted children, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and by which Original Sin and personal sins are forgiven.

Baptism [Grade 6]

Baptism is the Sacrament of Christian Initiation in which we are joined to Jesus Christ, become members of his Church, and are reborn as God's adopted children. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and Original Sin and personal sins are forgiven.

Beatitudes [Grade 3]

The Beatitudes are Jesus' teachings about how to live and find real happiness with God. They tell us how we will be blessed by God and happy with him in his kingdom.

Beatitudes [Grade 4]

The Beatitudes are the sayings or teachings of Jesus that describe real happiness, the happiness that God created people to have.

Beatitudes [Grade 5]

Beatitudes are the sayings or teachings of Jesus that are found in the Sermon on the Mount that describe both the qualities and the actions of people blessed by God.

Beatitudes [Grade 6]

The Beatitudes are the teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount that describe the attitudes and actions of people blessed by God; a word meaning "ways of happiness."

believe [Grade 1]

To believe means to have faith in God. It means to give yourself to God with all your heart.

believe [Grade 2]

To believe in God means to know God and to give ourselves to him with all our hearts.

Bible [Grade 1]

The Bible is the written Word of God. It is God's very own Word to us.

Bible [Grade 2] The Bible is the written Word of God.

Bible [Grade 4]

The Bible is the Word of God. It was written by human writers who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

biblical inspiration [Grade 6]

This is the Holy Spirit guiding the human writers of Sacred Scripture so that they would faithfully and accurately communicate what God intended to reveal.

Blessed Sacrament [Grade 3]

The Blessed Sacrament is a name given to the Eucharist, the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine.

Body of Christ [Grade 2]

The Church is the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. All the baptized are members of the Church.

Body of Christ [Grade 4]

The Body of Christ is a New Testament image for the Church that teaches that the members of the Church are made one in Christ, the Head of the Church.



canon [Grade 6]

The word itself means "standard" or "official list." Thus, the canon of Scripture is the official list of books included in the Bible.

canonization [Grade 6]

The process by which the Pope declares that a deceased member of the faithful lived a life of heroic virtue and is to be honored as a Saint is canonization.

Catholics [Grade 1]

Catholics are followers of Jesus and members of the Catholic Church.

charisms [Grade 5]

Charisms are graces, or gifts, given by the Holy Spirit to build up the Church on Earth for the good of all people and the needs of the world.

Charism [Grade 6]

A charism is a grace of the Holy Spirit given to build up the Church and to help the Church fulfill her work in the world.

charity [Grade 1]

Charity is loving others as God loves us. We practice charity when we love our neighbor as Jesus taught us to.

charity [Grade 4]

Charity is one of the three Theological Virtues. Another word for charity is love. We practice the virtue of charity by loving God above all things, and by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

charity [Grade 5]

Charity is one of the three Theological Virtues. It is the virtue, or habit, we receive from God that enables us to love and serve God and others with unselfish devotion.

charity [Grade 6]

To love as God loves is what we call charity, or caritas in Latin. This is the standard by which all of us are to live by, and as Saint Paul says, charity is the greatest of the three Theological Virtues (see 1 Corinthians 13:13).

chastity [Grade 3]

The root word of chastity is pure. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure of heart." When we are pure in heart, we do what we know is right and good. When we are chaste, we show our love for others appropriately in the ways God wants us to show our love.

chastity [Grade 5]

The virtue of chastity is the respecting and honoring of our sexuality. Chastity guides us to share our love with others in appropriate ways.

chastity [Grade 6]

When we exercise self-control with God's grace in our relationships, the Holy Spirit forms the virtue of chastity in us. This means that we can appropriately integrate the gift of our human sexuality according to God's calling for us. In other words, we respect each other as persons, and not as objects to be used.

children of God [Grade 1]

All people are children of God. God created all people in his image.

Chrism [Grade 5]

Chrism is one of the three oils the Church uses in the celebration of the liturgy. It is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. Chrism is also used in the consecration of churches and altars.

Christ [Grade 5]

A title for Jesus that states that he is the Messiah, the One whom God promised to send to save his people.

Christ [Grade 6]

This title of Jesus identifies him as the Messiah, the Anointed One, whom God sent to save all of humanity.

Christian initiation [Grade 6]

Christian initiation is the liturgical process by which a person becomes a full member of the Church.

Christians [Grade 1]

Christians are followers of Jesus. They believe in Jesus Christ and live as he taught.

Church [Grade 1]

The Church is the People of God who believe in Jesus and live as his followers.

Church [Grade 3]

The Church is the People of God. She is the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Church [Grade 5]

The Body of Christ; the new People of God who God calls together in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Church [Grade 6]

The Church is the new People of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Bride of Christ, called together in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Church's year [Grade 1]

The Church's year is made up of four seasons. They are Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

communion [Grade 6]

Communion is the unity in Christ of all the members of the Church, the Body of Christ; the word is from two Latin words meaning "sharing with." Full communion refers to full initiation into the Church.

Communion of Saints [Grade 2]

The Church is the Communion of Saints. The Church is the unity of all the faithful followers of Jesus on Earth and those in Heaven.

Communion of Saints [Grade 3]

All people who have faithfully followed Jesus are called the Communion of Saints. This includes the faithful on Earth, all those in Heaven, and all those in Purgatory.

community [Grade 1]

A community is a group of people who respect and care for one another.

compassion [Grade 2]

Compassion means to care about others when they are hurt or feeling sad. Having compassion makes us want to help them feel better.

compassion [Grade 4]

A person who has compassion feels the suffering someone else is having and reaches out to help that person. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) is a good example of what Jesus teaches us about a person who has compassion.

complementarity [Grade 6]

Complementarity is living with and for each other as equal in dignity and unique in gender, helping each other according to God's plan for both genders.

Confirmation [Grade 2]

Confirmation is the Sacrament in which the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens us to live our Baptism.

Confirmation [Grade 5]

Confirmation is the Sacrament of Christian Initiation that strengthens the graces of Baptism and in which our new life in Christ is sealed by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation [Grade 6]

Confirmation is the Sacrament of Christian Initiation that strengthens the grace of Baptism and in which our life in Christ is sealed by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

conjugal love [Grade 6]

Conjugal love is the unique expression of sexual love between a husband and a wife, who freely give their whole selves to each other.

conscience [Grade 2]

Conscience is a gift from God that helps us to make wise choices.

conscience [Grade 4]

Conscience is the gift that God gives to every person that helps us know and judge what is right and what is wrong.

conscience [Grade 5]

Conscience is the gift of God that is part of every person and that guides us to know and judge what is right and wrong.

conscience [Grade 6]

Conscience is the gift of God that is part of every person that guides us to know and judge what is right and wrong.

consecrate [Grade 6]

To consecrate is to set aside and dedicate for a holy purpose.

consecrated life [Grade 3]

The consecrated life is a way to live the Gospel. People who promise to serve the Church as a consecrated person live a life of service to God's people.

consequences [Grade 2]

Consequences are the good or bad things that happen after we make choices.

contemplation [Grade 6]

Contemplation is a form of prayer without using words, in which we focus our minds and hearts on God alone.

counsel [Grade 1]

Counsel is another word for the help that a good teacher gives us. Counsel is a Gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift helps us choose to live as followers of Jesus.

counsel [Grade 6]

Counsel, or right judgment, is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This gift, or grace, helps a person sense the moral truth about how to live. The gift of counsel is the ability to judge correctly the daily activity of our lives according to God's will. The source of this gift is the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to form our consciences properly.

courage [Grade 1]

The virtue of courage helps us to trust in God and live our faith.

courage [Grade 2]

We receive the gift of courage from the Holy Spirit at Baptism. This gift helps us choose to do what is good.

courage [Grade 4]

Courage, or fortitude, helps us do or say what is right, even when it is hard or scary. Following Jesus means having courage as he did. Courage helps a person to be brave even when he or she is very afraid. People with courage know that God is always with them.

courage [Grade 5]

Courage, or fortitude, is one of four Cardinal Virtues and a gift of the Holy Spirit. It helps us stand up for our faith in Christ and helps us overcome obstacles that might keep us from practicing our faith, and to choose that which is good.

covenant [Grade 5]

A covenant is a sacred agreement or relationship, sometimes sealed by a ritual or ceremony.

Covenant [Grade 2]

The Covenant is God's promise always to love and be kind to his people.

Covenant [Grade 3]

The Covenant is the solemn agreement and promise of friendship made between God and his people.

Covenant [Grade 6]

This the solemn commitment of fidelity that God and the People of God made with one another, which was renewed in Christ, the new and everlasting Covenant.

covet [Grade 2]

We covet when we have an unhealthy desire for something.

covet [Grade 3] To covet means to wrongfully want something that belongs to someone else.

covet [Grade 6]

To covet is to unjustly desire what rightfully belongs to someone else.

creation [Grade 3]

Creation is all that God has made out of love and without any help.

Creator [Grade 1]

God is the Creator. He made everything out of love and without any help.

Creator [Grade 2]

God alone is the Creator. God made everyone and everything out of love and without any help.

Creator [Grade 4]

God, who created everything and everyone, seen and unseen, out of love and without help.

creed [Grade 6]

A creed is a statement of beliefs, a profession of faith, a summary of the principal beliefs of the Church.

creeds [Grade 3]

Creeds are statements of what a person or a group believes.

Cross [Grade 1]

The Cross is a sign of God's love. It reminds us that Jesus died on the Cross so that we could live forever in Heaven.

Crucifixion [Grade 2]

The Crucifixion is the Death of Jesus on the Cross.



diligence [Grade 3]

Diligence is when you concentrate and focus on what you commit yourself to do. Diligence helps you to be careful in what you do.

diligence [Grade 4]

Diligence is when you stick with something and have resolve. A person who practices the virtue of diligence is committed and stays true to loving God first and foremost.

diligence [Grade 6]

Diligence is the persistent ability to combat laziness. Diligence is related to the Cardinal Virtue of fortitude. Saint Peter gives advice to a Christian community to be diligent, or vigilant, and steadfast in faith (read 1 Peter 5:5-11). Full participation at Mass requires diligence.

disciples [Grade 1] Disciples are followers of Jesus.

disciples [Grade 2]

Disciples are people who follow and learn from someone. Disciples of Jesus follow and learn from him.

Divine Providence [Grade 3]

Divine Providence is God's caring love for all his creation.

Divine Providence [Grade 4]

God's caring love for us.

Divine Revelation [Grade 4]

God making known both himself and his plan of creation and Salvation for the world and all people.

Divine Revelation [Grade 5]

God's making known over time the mystery of himself and his divine plan of creation and Salvation.

Divine Revelation [Grade 6]

Divine Revelation is God making himself and his divine plan of Creation and Salvation known over time.

domestic Church [Grade 4]

The domestic Church is the church of the home.

Easter [Grade 1]

Easter is a season of the Church's year. It is the time of the year when we celebrate that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Eucharist [Grade 1]

The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Eucharist [Grade 2]

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Eucharist [Grade 3]

The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which the Church gives thanks to God and shares in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Eucharist [Grade 5]

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Christian Initiation in which we are made sharers in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and we are joined most fully to Christ and to the Church, the Body of Christ.

Eucharist [Grade 6]

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ; the Sacrament of Christian Initiation in which we receive the Real Presence of Christ and are most fully joined to Christ and to the Church.

Exodus [Grade 4]

The journey of the Israelites under the leadership of Moses from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land promised them by God.



faith [Grade 1]

Faith is a gift from God. It helps us to know God and to believe in him.

faith [Grade 2]

Faith is a gift from God that makes us able to believe in him. The virtue of faith is a gift from God. It gives us the power to come to know God and believe in him.



faith [Grade 3]

Faith is a gift from God. It helps us believe in God and all that he has revealed.

faith [Grade 4]

Faith is a gift from God. It is the Theological Virtue that helps us know God and believe in him and in all that he has revealed.

faith [Grade 5]

One of the three Theological Virtues. A supernatural gift and power from God inviting us to know and believe in him, and our free response to that invitation.

faith [Grade 5]

Faith is one of the three Theological Virtues. It is a gift from God that helps us respond to his invitation to know and believe in him.

faith [Grade 6]

Faith is a gift from God. It helps us to know God and to believe in him.

faithful [Grade 1]

Good friends of Jesus are faithful to him. They are loyal to him. They listen to him. They do what he said and did. Faith is one of the three Theological Virtues. It is the gift of God's invitation to us that enables us to know and believe in him, and the power God gives us to respond freely to his invitation.

faithful [Grade 1]

Being faithful means to keep our promises. Parents demonstrate fidelity when they love and care for their children.

faithfulness [Grade 3]

Faithfulness is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit. You are faithful when you do the good that you promised to do. You are faithful when you keep your word. God always keeps his word. He is always faithful to us.

faithfulness [Grade 5]

Faithfulness is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. When we are faithful, we live according to God's will. We put into practice the teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Catholic Church.

faithfulness [Grade 6]

This Fruit of the Holy Spirit is the steadfast commitment a Christian demonstrates as an act of his or her faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Lord, and Savior. Often faithfulness to God involves a struggle, but Jesus shows us the way to remain faithful to God, especially when it involves sacrifice.

false witness [Grade 2]

Giving false witness means telling lies.

forgiveness [Grade 2]

Forgiveness is a sign of love. We ask for forgiveness because we love God. We want everything to be right again. We share God's forgiving love with others when we forgive people who hurt us.

forgiveness [Grade 4]

Forgiveness is an act of kindness or mercy. It is an action of the Beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful." People who generously practice forgiveness are peacemakers. They do not hold grudges.

fortitude [Grade 2]

Fortitude is another word for courage. Fortitude helps us stay strong, to do our best, and to do what is right and good when it hard to do so. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of fortitude to live the way that God wants us to live.

fortitude [Grade 3]

The virtue of fortitude, or courage, helps us love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Fortitude helps us to love others even when it is hard to do.

fortitude [Grade 4]

Fortitude is one of the four Cardinal Virtues. It is the good habit of facing difficulties with strength and courage. Fortitude strengthens us to resist temptation. Fortitude helps us overcome the things in our lives that keep us from loving God and others.

fortitude [Grade 6]

Fortitude is one of the four Cardinal Virtues. It is the strength of mind and will to do what is good in the face of adversity or difficulty. It enables a person to be a steadfast witness for Christ.

free will [Grade 4]

Free will is the part of every person that gives him or her the ability to choose to love and serve God and others as he has created us to do, or to choose not to love and serve God and others.



Galilee [Grade 1]

Galilee was one of the main places where Jesus taught and helped people.

generosity [Grade 1]

Followers of Jesus are generous. We share our things with others. We pray for them. We are kind to them.

generosity [Grade 2]

You show generosity when you use the gifts you received from God to help others.

generosity [Grade 3]

Generosity helps you choose to share with others. Followers of Jesus offer their time and talents freely for the good of others.

generosity [Grade 4]

Generous people freely share what they have. They share because of their love for God and for people. Generous people truly believe that we are all members of the family of God.

generosity [Grade 5]

Generosity is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Practicing generosity helps us serve the Church and the world. With generosity, we share our gifts and our talents with others. We share our material and spiritual blessings.

generosity [Grade 6]

This Fruit of the Holy Spirit comes from doing charitable works. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, the generosity we show to others is a reflection of loving others as God loves us.

gentleness [Grade 1]

Gentle people act calmly. They avoid actions that might lead others to anger or feeling hurt. They treat all people as children of God.

gentleness [Grade 3]

Gentle people are kind and tender. When you are gentle, you show love to people the way Jesus taught us to do.

gentleness [Grade 6]

When we exercise the virtue of temperance, the Holy Spirit provides us with this fruit, which is related to self-control. A gentle person is one who pardons injury and is free from harshness, even in the face of injury or illness. A sense of gentleness is a sense of calming peace and care in the way we treat others and ourselves.

glory [Grade 1]

Glory is another word for praise.

Golden Rule [Grade 6]

This is the rule to live by that is knowable by human reason. It is to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

goodness [Grade 1]

Goodness is a sign that we are living our Baptism. When we are good to people, we show them that they are children of God. When we are good to people, we honor God.

goodness [Grade 2]

Goodness is a sign that we are living our Baptism. When we are good to people, we show that we know they are children of God. When we are good to people, we honor God.

goodness [Grade 3]

Goodness is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit. It helps us to treat others with kindness. We think of the needs of others beyond our own. We do good because we are good.

goodness [Grade 5]

Goodness is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit. We exhibit goodness when we honor God by avoiding sin and always trying to do what we know is right.

Gospel [Grade 1]

The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus told us about God's love.

Gospel [Grade 5]

The Gospel is the Good News of God's love revealed in the life, suffering, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ.

Gospels [Grade 6]

The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament, which pass on the faith of the Church in Jesus Christ and in the saving events of the Paschal Mystery.

grace [Grade 2]

Grace is the gift of God sharing his life with us and helping us live as his children.

Great Commandment [Grade 1]

The Great Commandment is to love God above all else and to love others as we love ourselves.

Great Commandment [Grade 2]

The Great Commandment is to love God above all else and to love others as we love ourselves.

Great Commandment [Grade 3]

The Great Commandment teaches us to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.



hallowed [Grade 3] Hallowed means to honor something as holy. God's name is hallowed.

Heaven [Grade 2] Heaven is happiness forever with God and all the Saints.

Heaven [Grade 3] Heaven is eternal life, or living forever in happiness with God after we die.

Hebrews [Grade 4] Hebrews is the name given to God's people, the Israelites, when they lived in Egypt.

holiness [Grade 4]

Holiness is living in communion with God. People who are holy are living signs of God's love in the world. Every person has the vocation to grow in holiness.

holiness [Grade 6]

The quality, or condition, of a person who is living in communion and in right relationship with God, with others, and with all of creation; being in the state of grace is holiness.

Holy Family [Grade 1]

The Holy Family is the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Holy Orders [Grade 3]

Holy Orders is the Sacrament in which a baptized man is ordained a bishop, priest, or deacon to serve the Church his whole life.

Holy Spirit [Grade 1]

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is always with us to be our helper.

Holy Spirit [Grade 3]

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity [Grade 1]

The Holy Trinity is One God in Three Divine Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity [Grade 2]

The Holy Trinity is One God in Three Divine Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity [Grade 3]

The Holy Trinity is the mystery of One God in Three Divine Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity [Grade 5]

The central belief of the Christian faith; the mystery of One God in Three Divine Persons—God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

honesty [Grade 5] Honesty is the refusal to lie, steal or deceive in any way.

honor [Grade 1] We honor people when we treat them with great respect.

honor [Grade 2]

When we honor others we show respect and value them. We honor God because we are proud to be his children. To honor someone is to treat them with kindness, respect, and love.

honor [Grade 3]

When we honor someone, we show them respect. When we ask someone to help us, we show respect for and honor her or him.

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honor [Grade 4]

To have special respect for someone or to hold someone in high regard is to honor him or her.

hope [Grade 1]

The virtue of hope helps us to remember that one day we may live in happiness with God forever in Heaven.

hope [Grade 2]

Hope is trusting that God hears us, cares about us, and will care for us.

hope [Grade 3]

When we hope, we place our trust in God. We know that God always keeps his word. God always keeps his promises.

hope [Grade 4]

Hope is a gift from God. The Theological Virtue of hope enables us to trust in God and in his promises. It helps us trust that God is always with us, in good times and difficult times.

hope [Grade 5]

Hope is the virtue that keeps us from discouragement by placing our trust in Jesus and the promise of eternal life.

hope [Grade 6]

Hope is one of the three Theological Virtues by which we desire and trust that God will fulfill his promises, especially the promise of eternal happiness. Because of the Resurrection, Christianity is a religion of hope.

hospice care [Grade 6]

Hospice care is a ministry of caring for the terminally ill by offering them gentle end of life care that respects the dignity of the human person, according to Church teachings.

hospitality [Grade 1]

We demonstrate hospitality when we welcome others as God's children. We show that we respect others.

hospitality [Grade 2]

Jesus tells us to treat all people with hospitality. Hospitality helps us welcome others as God's children. It helps us treat others with dignity and respect.

humility [Grade 1]

Humility helps us know that all good things come from God.

humility [Grade 2]

Humility helps us to recognize that all we are and all we have come from God. We are humble when we choose to follow God's ways and make them our own.

humility [Grade 3]

People act with humility when they thank God for what they are able to do. They know that all their blessings are gifts from God.

humility [Grade 5]

Humility is the ability to acknowledge that all of our blessings come from God. This virtue enables us to see ourselves and value ourselves and all other people as children of God. It enables us to bless God for all the good in our lives.

humility [Grade 6]

Humility helps us see and accept the truth about God and ourselves. A humble person acknowledges that God is the source of life and author of all that is good. Humility is often described as "poverty in spirit" when the humble person completely trusts in God.



idolatry [Grade 6]

Idolatry is the substitution of someone or worshipping a creature or thing (money, pleasure, power, etc.) instead of God the Creator.

image of God [Grade 1]

We are created in the image of God. We are children of God.

Incarnation [Grade 3]

The Incarnation is the Son of God becoming a man and still being God.

Incarnation [Grade 4]

The Incarnation is the mystery of the Son of God, the Second Divine Person of the Trinity, becoming truly human while not giving up being God.

Incarnation [Grade 6]

The Incarnation is the belief of the Church that the Son of God became fully human in all ways except sin, while remaining fully divine.

Inspiration of the Bible [Grade 5]

The Holy Spirit guiding the human writers of Sacred Scripture to faithfully and accurately communicate God's Word.

integrity [Grade 5]

This virtue enables a person to be the person God created him or her to be. A person of integrity says and does what he or she knows and believes is the right thing to do and say.

intellect [Grade 4]

Intellect is the part of every person that gives him or her the ability to know God, oneself, and other people, and how God wants us to live.



Jesus Christ [Grade 2]

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity who became one of us. Jesus is true God and true man.

joy [Grade 1]

We live with joy when we recognize that happiness does not come from money or possessions. True happiness comes from knowing and following Jesus.

joy [Grade 2]

Joy is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Joy shows that we are thankful for God's love, and for all God has made. Joy shows that we enjoy life, and delight in making others joyful.

joy [Grade 3]

Joy comes from knowing that God is always with us. Joy can be ours even when we suffer terrible things. The Church names joy as one of the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

joy [Grade 4]

Joy is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is a sign that we are living our Baptism. Joy comes from knowing that we are deeply loved by God. The gift of joy helps us be aware that life is a gift from God.

joy [Grade 5]

Joy shows that we are cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit. We recognize that true happiness comes, not from money or possessions, but from knowing, trusting, and loving God. Joy is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

joy [Grade 6]

One of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, joy demonstrates that we live according to the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). Joy results from moral living and believing in the hope of eternal life.

justice [Grade 1]

We practice justice when we treat people fairly. People who are just live as Jesus taught.

justice [Grade 2]

We practice justice when we do our very best to always be fair to others.

justice [Grade 3]

Justice is the virtue, or habit, of treating everyone fairly with love, care, and respect.

justice [Grade 4]

Justice is one of the four Cardinal Virtues. It is the good habit of giving to God and to all people what is rightfully due to them. It strengthens us to make decisions that build a world of peace.

justice [Grade 5]

The Cardinal Virtue of justice is the giving to God and all people what is rightfully due to them.

justice [Grade 5]

Justice is the Cardinal Virtue that helps us give to God what rightfully belongs to him and to give to our neighbors what rightfully belongs to them.

justice [Grade 6]

Justice is one of the four Cardinal Virtues. Justice is the habit of consistently giving what is due to God and to our neighbor. We give God what is due to him when we worship him alone. Our worship of God includes loving our neighbor and respecting the dignity of every human person. Through Christian justice, we participate in preparing the way for the coming of the Kingdom of God.



kindness [Grade 1]

We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated.

kindness [Grade 2]

We are kind when we do things that show we care. We are kind when we treat other people as we want to be treated.

kindness [Grade 3]

People who are kind treat other people with respect and courtesy. Their words and actions treat other people the way that God treats them. They treat other people the way they want other people to treat them.

kindness [Grade 4]

A kind person is loving and caring toward others. A kind person always treats people with respect. We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated.

kindness [Grade 5]

Sometimes used to translate the biblical word mercy; We live the virtue of kindness by generously treating others as we want to be treated. We are called to be as kind to others as God is to us.

Kingdom of God [Grade 1]

The Kingdom of God is Heaven. Heaven is happiness with God forever.

Kingdom of God [Grade 2]

The Kingdom of God is also called the Kingdom of Heaven.

Kingdom of God [Grade 3]

The time when all people will live in peace and justice with God and with one another, and with all creation. God's kingdom will come about when Christ returns in glory at the end of time.

Kingdom of God [Grade 5]

All people and creation living in communion with God at the end of time when the work of Christ will be completed and he will come again in glory.

Kingdom of God [Grade 6]

The Kingdom of God is the fulfillment of God's plan for all creation in Christ at the end of time when Christ will come again in glory.

knowledge [Grade 1]

The gift of knowledge helps you to know and to follow God's rules. It also helps you to know things that are against God's rules and not to do them.

knowledge [Grade 2]

The virtue of knowledge is one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Knowledge helps us better hear and understand the meaning of the Word of God.

knowledge [Grade 3]

Knowledge is a Gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift helps us to see things as God sees them. When you use the gift of knowledge, you come to understand what it means to be a child of God and how to live as a child of God.

knowledge [Grade 4]

Knowledge is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It helps us to see the truth of everything that God has made known to us. A person who uses this gift tries to learn more about God and what it means to be a child of God.

knowledge [Grade 5]

Knowledge is a virtue and a Gift of the Holy Spirit that allows you to choose the right path to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from God.

knowledge [Grade 6]

Part of the gift of faith is the desire to know God better. By accepting God's gift of faith, the Holy Spirit perfects our faith with gifts, such as wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. In other words, part of our response in faith is to know God more fully. The light of reason aids us in our journey to love, serve and know God.



Last Supper [Grade 4]

The Last Supper is the last meal that Jesus celebrated with the disciples, at which he gave the Church the gift of his Body and Blood, the Eucharist.

liturgy [Grade 3]

The liturgy is the Church's public worship of God. It is the work of the whole Church.

liturgy [Grade 4]

The liturgy is the work of the Church, the Body of Christ, of worshipping God.

liturgy [Grade 5]

The liturgy is the work of the Church, the People of God, of worshipping God. Through the liturgy, Christ continues the work of Redemption in, with, and through his Church.

liturgy [Grade 6]

Liturgy is the work by the Church of worshipping God. Liturgy includes words, signs, symbols, and actions used to give praise and thanks, and honor and glory to God the Father.

Liturgy of the Eucharist [Grade 2]

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second main part of the Mass. The Church does what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

Liturgy of the Hours [Grade 4]

The daily, public, and communal prayer of the Church is called the Liturgy of the Hours.

Liturgy of the Word [Grade 2]

The Liturgy of the Word is the first main part of the Mass. God speaks to us through the readings from the Bible.

Lord [Grade 5]

A title for Jesus that states that Jesus is truly God.

Lord [Grade 6] This title of Jesus indicates his divine sovereignty, or power.

Lord's Day, The [Grade 4]

The Lord's Day is the name given to Sunday by Christians, because Sunday is the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

Lord's Prayer [Grade 4]

The Lord's Prayer is another name for the Our Father, the prayer that Jesus, our Lord, taught his disciples to pray.

Lord's Prayer [Grade 5]

The early Christians called the Our Father the Lord's Prayer because it was given to them by Jesus. The Church teaches us that the Lord's Prayer is a summary of the whole Gospel.

love [Grade 2]

Love is the greatest of all virtues. Love gives us the power to cherish God above all things. It also gives us the power to serve people for the sake of God.

love [Grade 3]

Love is a gift from God. It is the virtue that God gives us to love him above all else and to love other people because of our love for him.

love [Grade 4]

Love is the greatest of all the virtues. Jesus commanded his disciples, "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). Jesus loves us so much that he died on the Cross for us.



manna [Grade 4]

The bread-like food the Israelites ate in the desert during the Exodus is called manna.

manna [Grade 5]

Manna is the food miraculously sent to the Israelites during their forty years in the desert.

marriage [Grade 1]

A marriage is the lifelong promise of love made by a man and a woman to live as a family.

Mass [Grade 1]

The Mass is the most important celebration of the Church.

Mass [Grade 2]

The Mass is the most important celebration of the Church. At Mass, we gather to worship God. We listen to God's Word. We celebrate and share in the Eucharist.

Mass [Grade 5]

The Mass is the main sacramental celebration of the Church at which we gather to listen to God's Word and share in the Eucharist.

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Mass [Grade 6]

The Mass is the main sacramental celebration of the Church at which we gather to listen to God's Word and through which we share in the saving Death of Christ, and give praise and glory to God the Father.

Matrimony [Grade 1]

Matrimony is the Sacrament that Catholics celebrate when they marry.

Matrimony [Grade 3]

Matrimony is the Sacrament in which a baptized man and a baptized woman make lifelong promises to serve the Church as a married couple.

Matrimony [Grade 6]

The Sacrament of the Church that unites a baptized man and a baptized woman in a lifelong bond of faithful love as a sign of Christ's love for the Church is Matrimony.

meditation [Grade 6]

Meditation is a form of silent prayer in which we listen to God through our thoughts and imagination, using Scripture, art and music.

Meekness [Grade 5]

Meekness is the virtue that helps us to maintain our confidence in God when difficulties come into our lives, rather than being overcome by the difficult condition itself.

mercy [Grade 2]

Jesus said, "Blessed are people of mercy." Mercy helps us act with kindness toward others no matter what.

mercy [Grade 4]

Mercy is the habit of living with kindness, compassion and goodness. A person who lives the virtue of mercy is kindhearted and generous. A person who practices mercy looks for ways to help those who are hurting.

mercy [Grade 5]

Mercy is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. A person who acts with mercy has a forgiving and understanding heart.

mercy [Grade 6]

This fruit of charity is the loving kindness and compassion shown to one who offends us. Even

though our sins damage our relationship with God, he still loves us. Throughout his life, Jesus taught how the love of God is one of mercy. Jesus, the Son of God, suffered and died for our sake. Truly the Paschal Mystery reveals the depths of God's mercy for us.

Messiah [Grade 3]

The word messiah means "anointed one." Jesus is the Messiah. He is the Anointed One of God, the Savior God promised to send.

Messiah [Grade 4]

The person whom God promised to send to save people from sin. Jesus Christ is the Messiah.

miracle [Grade 1]

A miracle is something only God can do. It is a sign of God's love.

miracle [Grade 3]

A miracle is a sign of God's presence and power at work in our world.

missionaries [Grade 3]

Catholic missionaries are followers of Jesus who are sent to share his love beyond where they live. They follow Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. Missionaries act as Jesus wherever they go.

modesty [Grade 6]

Modesty is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are signs that a person is cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit. A modest person protects his or her inner self. Modesty encourages a person to respect the dignity of every human person including oneself.

moral decisions [Grade 5]

Moral decisions are the good choices we make to live as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ.

morality [Grade 6]

Morality refers to the goodness or evil of human acts. The morality of human acts depends on the object, intention, and circumstances of the action.

mortal sin [Grade 6]

A mortal sin is a serious failure in our love and respect for God, our neighbor, and ourselves. For a sin to be mortal, it must be gravely wrong, we must know it to be gravely wrong, and we must freely choose it.

murder [Grade 6]

The direct and intentional killing of an innocent person is murder.



Natural Law [Grade 6]

It is the foundation of moral life for everyone. It enables us by human reason to know what is good and what is evil.

obedience [Grade 2]

Authority is a gift from God. God gives people authority to help us follow God's Laws. People in authority, such as parents and grandparents, teaches and principals, priests and bishops, deserve respect. The virtue of obedience gives us strength to honor and respect people in authority.

obedience [Grade 3]

When we obey, we follow the good guidance of a parent or someone else who has the responsibility to care for us. People who truly care for us help us follow God's laws. They do not ask us to do something that is wrong and against God's Laws.

obedience [Grade 5]

Obedience is to freely choose to follow God's ways because of our love for God and our trust in his faithfulness to the Covenant. We know that God only desires what is best for us.

obey [Grade 3]

To obey means to choose to follow the guidance of someone who is helping us live according to God's Laws.

Ordination [Grade 6]

Ordination is the Sacrament of Holy Orders in which a baptized man is consecrated to serve the Church as a bishop, priest, or deacon.

original holiness [Grade 6]

Original holiness is that first state of grace in which Adam and Eve shared in God's divine life. They were therefore in a perfect state of grace before the Fall.

original justice [Grade 6]

Original justice is that first state of grace before the Fall, when Adam and Eve and all of creation were in harmony.

Original Sin [Grade 4]

The sin that the first humans committed, which lost original holiness not only for themselves but for all human beings.

Original Sin [Grade 6]

Original Sin is the sin of Adam and Eve by which they lost the state of original holiness, and by which death, sin, and suffering entered into the world.

Our Father [Grade 1]

The Our Father is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.



parable [Grade 1]

A parable is a story that compares two things. Jesus told parables to help people to know and love God better.

parables [Grade 3]

Parables are stories that Jesus told to help people understand and live what he was teaching.

Paschal Mystery [Grade 3]

The Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ is known as the Paschal Mystery.

Paschal Mystery [Grade 4]

The Paschal Mystery is Jesus' passing over from suffering and death to new and glorious life; Christ's work of Salvation accomplished by his Passion (his suffering and Death), Resurrection, and Ascension.

Paschal Mystery [Grade 5]

The Paschal Mystery is the "passing over" of Jesus from life through death into new and glorious life; the Passion, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension of Jesus.

Paschal Mystery [Grade 6]

The Paschal Mystery is Jesus' passing over from life on Earth through his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to a new and glorified life with the Father.

Passion [Grade 6]

The Passion is the suffering of Jesus on his way to the Cross and his Death on the Cross.

Passover [Grade 4]

Passover is the Jewish feast celebrating God's freeing the Israelites from suffering and slavery in Egypt and leading them to freedom in the land that he had promised them.

Passover [Grade 5]

Passover is the Jewish feast celebrating God's sparing of the Hebrew children from death and the passage of his people from slavery to freedom.

patience [Grade 3]

When we practice the virtue of patience, we are able to wait for what is ahead. We do not act without thinking. We think about the consequences of our actions.

patience [Grade 3]

When we practice the virtue of patience, we are able to keep doing our work, no matter how hard it might be.

patience [Grade 6]

One of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit is patience, which is the result of virtuous living. Being patient does not mean doing nothing. Patience involves the wisdom of knowing how to wait for truth while actively seeking grace.

peace [Grade 1]

We live as peacemakers when we forgive those who have hurt us. We ask for forgiveness when we have hurt others.

peace [Grade 5]

Peace is one of the signs, or Fruits of the Holy Spirit. As faithful disciples, we cooperate with the grace of the Holy Spirit to create peace throughout the world.

peace [Grade 6]

Peace is one of the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Peace on Earth is a reflection of the peace of Christ. Christ has reconciled humanity with God, and made the Church the sacrament of unity and peace. Disciples of Jesus are called to be peacemakers.

penance [Grade 2]

Penance is something we do or say to show we are truly sorry for the choices we made to hurt someone.

Pentecost [Grade 2]

Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples of Jesus fifty days after the Resurrection.

Pentecost [Grade 3]

Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, fifty days after the Resurrection.

Pentecost [Grade 4]

Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples as Jesus had promised, fifty days after the Resurrection.

Pentecost [Grade 6]

Pentecost is the liturgical feast and holy day when the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the birth of the Church.

People of God [Grade 4]

A New Testament image for the Church that teaches that God has called together all people in Jesus Christ to be his people.

perjury [Grade 4] Perjury is lying under oath.

perseverance [Grade 1]

Perseverance helps us to live our faith when it is difficult. We do not give up even when it is not easy to do something good.

perseverance [Grade 5]

Perseverance is the virtue by which we hold to our faith, even through trying events or circumstances. To persevere in faith, we must continually nourish faith with the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments.

perseverance in faith [Grade 6]

This gift is the ability to remain steadfast in one's beliefs because of the strength and Gifts of the Holy Spirit working within us. This gift is also helpful when someone is struggling with difficulties and doubts.

piety [Grade 2]

Piety is a Gift of the Holy Spirit. Piety is the love we have for God. That love makes us want to worship and give God thanks and praise.

piety [Grade 3]

Piety is a sign of a very deep love. It is a sign of how much a person loves God and loves people.

piety [Grade 4]

Piety, also called reverence, is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Piety is a deep respect for God and for the Church. A person who practices piety gives reverence and honor to God.

piety [Grade 5]

Piety is a Gift of the Holy Spirit that leads to a devotion to God. It is an expression of a person's deep reverence for God. It flows from one's recognition of the value of a person places on their relationship with God. Piety also is an expression of one's deep respect for one's parents and family.

piety [Grade 6]

When we worship God, we exercise the gift of piety. It is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which helps us give devotion to God. The attitudes of reverence and respect accompany piety and pious activity.

pray [Grade 4]

To pray is to raise our minds and hearts to God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; it is to talk and listen to God.

prayer [Grade 1]

Prayer is listening and talking to God.

prayers of intercession [Grade 3]

Prayers of intercession are prayers in which we ask God to help others.

prayers of petition [Grade 3]

Prayers of petition are prayers in which we ask God to help us.

procession [Grade 2]

A procession is people prayerfully walking together. It is a prayer in action.

prudence [Grade 1]

Prudence helps us ask advice from others when making important decisions. A prudent person makes good choices. Our Church family helps us to make good choices.

prudence [Grade 3]

Prudence helps us to make good choices. Prudence helps us to decide between good and bad. Prudent decisions help us grow in living our Catholic faith.

prudence [Grade 4]

One of the four Cardinal Virtues, prudence is a virtue that helps us know what is truly good for us. It also helps us know how to choose what is right and good.

prudence [Grade 5]

Prudence is the virtue that helps a person know what is good and choose to do it. It is an important virtue in making Christian decisions.

prudence [Grade 6]

This Cardinal Virtue is also referred to as wisdom. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined prudence as "right reason in action." With experience comes wisdom, and prudence is often the guide for growing in wisdom.

public ministry of Jesus [Grade 4]

This is the saving work that God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to do, beginning with the baptism of Jesus and his announcement of that work in the synagogue in Nazareth.

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rabbi [Grade 2] Rabbi is a Hebrew word that means teacher.

rabbi [Grade 4]

Rabbi is a Hebrew word meaning "teacher," a title of honor and respect in the Bible given to someone whom people trusted to help them understand and live the Law of God.

reconciliation [Grade 2]

Reconciliation means to become friends again.

reparation [Grade 4]

Reparation is the work of repairing or making up for harm that we have wrongfully caused.

reparation [Grade 6]

The process of righting a wrong or making amends is reparation.

respect [Grade 1]

We show people respect when we love them because they are children of God.

respect [Grade 2]

When we pay attention to what others say to us, we show them respect. Listening is a sign of respect and can help us learn well. Respect for others is a way we show God's love.

respect [Grade 4]

Respect means to give someone or something the honor that they deserve. People who are respectful treat others with dignity in the way they act and in what they say.

Resurrection [Grade 2]

The Resurrection is God the Father raising Jesus from the dead to new life.

reverence [Grade 1]

The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of reverence. We show reverence to someone when we honor them and give them great respect.

reverence [Grade 3]

When you have the gift of reverence, you show honor and respect to the people and things around you. You understand and see how much God values them. When you treat someone with reverence, you honor their dignity.

reverence [Grade 5]

Reverence is a virtue and a Gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to respect and honor God, Mary and the Saints, the Church and people as "images of God."



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick [Grade 5] The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament of Healing that strengthens our faith, hope, and love for God when we are seriously ill, weakened by old age, or dying.

Sacrament of Holy Orders [Grade 5]

The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the Sacrament through which a baptized man is consecrated to serve the whole Church as a bishop, priest, or deacon.

Sacrament of Matrimony [Grade 5]

The Sacrament of Matrimony is the Sacrament at the Service of Communion that unites a baptized man and a baptized woman in a lifelong bond, or covenant, of faithful love to serve one another and the whole Church as a sign of Christ's love for the Church.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation [Grade 5] In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive God's forgiveness for the sins we commit after Baptism through the ministry of the priest.

Sacraments [Grade 1]

The Sacraments are the seven signs and celebrations of God's love that Jesus gave the Church.

Sacraments [Grade 2]

The Sacraments are the seven signs of God's love for us that Jesus gave the Church. We share in God's love when we celebrate the Sacraments.

Sacraments [Grade 3]

The Sacraments are the seven special signs that make Jesus present to us. We share in the life of the Holy Trinity through these Sacraments.

Sacraments [Grade 4]

The Sacraments are the seven main liturgical signs of the Church, given to us by Jesus Christ. They make us sharers in the saving work of Christ and in the life of the Holy Trinity through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sacraments [Grade 5]

The Sacraments are the seven main liturgical signs of the Church, given to the Church by Jesus Christ. They make his saving work present and make us sharers in the of God, the Holy Trinity.

Sacraments [Grade 6]

The Sacraments are the seven sacred signs and causes of grace given to the Church by Christ to continue his saving action among us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sacraments at the Service of Communion [Grade 4] Holy Orders and Matrimony are called the Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

Sacraments at the Service of Communion [Grade 5] The Sacraments at the Service of Communion are the two Sacraments that set aside members of the Church to serve the whole Church, namely, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation [Grade 3] Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist are the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. These three Sacraments lay the foundation for our life in Christ.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation [Grade 4] Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, which are the foundation of the Christian life, are called the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

Sacraments of Healing [Grade 3]

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are the two Sacraments of Healing.

Sacraments of Healing [Grade 4]

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Sacraments of Healing [Grade 5]

There are two Sacraments of Healing. They are the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Sacred Scripture [Grade 4]

The holy writings of the People of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and collected in the Bible.

Sacred Tradition [Grade 5]

Sacred Tradition is the passing on of the teachings of Christ by the Church through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

sacrifice [Grade 2]

You sacrifice when you give up something because you love someone. Jesus sacrificed his life for all people. Followers of Jesus make sacrifices out of love for God and for people.

sacrifice [Grade 3]

To give something that we value to God out of love.

Saints [Grade 3]

Saints are people who live with God forever in Heaven.

Salvation [Grade 6]

Salvation is the deliverance of humanity from the power of sin and death by God through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

sanctify [Grade 6]

To sanctify is to put one in that state of grace in which sin is removed and we are made holy.

sanctifying grace [Grade 2]

Sanctifying grace is the gift of God sharing his life with us.

sanctifying grace [Grade 3]

God's grace is the gift of God making us sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity. It is also the help God gives us to live a holy life.

sanctifying grace [Grade 4]

Sanctifying grace is the gift of God's sharing his own life with us, the gift of holiness.

sanctifying grace [Grade 5]

Sanctifying grace is the gift of God's life and love that makes us holy and helps us live holy lives.

sanctifying grace [Grade 6]

Sanctifying grace is the grace that heals our human nature wounded by sin, by giving us a share in the divine life of the Holy Trinity.

self-control [Grade 3]

Self-control helps us to make good decisions. It helps us think about our decisions before we make them.

self-control [Grade 6]

Self-control is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit that comes from a steadfast commitment to God. A person with self-control demonstrates that God's will comes first in life. Self-control helps us do what is good and just. When others see self-control in us, we become witnesses for Christ by placing the needs of others before our own and following the will of God the Father, in whom we place our trust.

Sermon on the Mount [Grade 5]

The Sermon on the Mount includes the teachings of Jesus that are grouped together in chapters 5, 6, and 7 of the Gospel of Matthew.

Shema [Grade 6]

The Shema is a prayerful rule revealed by God in the Covenant that there is only one God, and the Lord is God.

sin [Grade 1]

Sin is choosing to do or say something that we know is against God's Laws.

sin [Grade 2]

Sin is freely choosing to do or say something we know God does not want us to do or say.

sin [Grade 3]

Sin is freely choosing to do or say something that we know is against God's Law.

sin [Grade 4]

Freely choosing to turn away from God's love and weakening or breaking one's friendship with God and the Church

sin [Grade 6]

Sin is freely choosing to do what we know is against God's will or freely choosing not to do something that we know God wants us to do.

Son of God [Grade 1]

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is truly God and truly man.

soul [Grade 2] Our soul is that part of us that lives forever.

spiritual gifts [Grade 2]

The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to help us love and serve other people, and so show our love for God.

stewardship [Grade 6]

Stewardship is the action of responsibly caring for what God has given in service to others.

suffering [Grade 4]

In the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, our suffering is united with the saving work of Jesus.

synagogue [Grade 4]

The place in which Jewish people gather to pray, read, and study the Scriptures and the Law of God and other teachings of the Jewish religion.



temperance [Grade 1]

Having more things does not make us happy. Temperance helps us to know the difference between what we need and what we just want to have. It is important to know what will really make us happy.

temperance [Grade 5]

Temperance gives balance in the way we act and speak in a good way. This Cardinal Virtue also enables a person to express their feelings appropriately.

temperance [Grade 6]

One of the four Cardinal Virtues, temperance includes other virtuous acts and attitudes such as chastity, self-control, and responsible living according to God's plan for life and love. This virtue helps us to moderate our actions so that we do what is good and right.

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temptation [Grade 6]

Temptation is anything that tries to move us to do or say something that we know is wrong, or prevents us from doing something that we know is good and that we ought to do.

Ten Commandments [Grade 1]

The Ten Commandments are the ten Laws that God has given us to help us live as children of God.

Ten Commandments [Grade 2]

The Ten Commandments are the Laws that God gave Moses. They teach us to live as God's people. They help us live happy and holy lives.

Ten Commandments [Grade 3]

The Ten Commandments are the Laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. They teach us to love God and love others as we love ourselves.

Ten Commandments [Grade 4]

The Ten Commandments are the Laws of the Covenant revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai that teach us to love God, others, and ourselves.

Ten Commandments [Grade 5]

The Ten Commandments are the Laws of the Covenant revealed to Moses and the Israelites on Mount Sinai.

thankfulness [Grade 2]

Thankfulness is a big part of who we are as disciples of Jesus. We have received wonderful blessings and gifts. Jesus calls us to be a thankful people.

Theological Virtues [Grade 6]

The virtues of faith, hope, and charity; gifts of God that enable us to live a life of holiness, or a life in communion with the Holy Trinity are the Theological Virtues.

trust [Grade 2]

When we trust someone, we know we can rely on them. We can depend on them to help us when we are in need.

trust [Grade 4]

To trust in someone is to count on them to care for our well-being and respect us. To say "I trust in God" means that we know that we can count on him to be true to his Word.

truthfulness [Grade 4]

God is the source of all truth. His Word is truth. God wants us to live in the truth. We do this when we let God's Word guide our words and actions. A person who is truthful does not tell lies. A truthful person admits mistakes. Love and trust grow when we practice truthfulness.

understanding [Grade 1]

God the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of understanding. Stories in the Bible help us understand God's love for us. Stories in the Bible help us understand what Jesus taught us.

understanding [Grade 3]

The spiritual gift of understanding helps us to know the meaning of the truth of our faith. Understanding helps us to make decisions about how to live as followers of Jesus.

understanding [Grade 4]

Understanding is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Understanding helps us find the truth about God and about ourselves. It helps us discover what it means to be disciples of Jesus, the Son of God.

understanding [Grade 5]

Understanding is a Gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us know the meaning of the teaching of the Church. It also helps us be sympathetic to others and sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.

understanding [Grade 6]

This Gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to know ourselves better as we grow in our relationship with God. Saint Augustine said of this gift, "That I may know You, may I know myself." Ruth in the Old Testament understood the needs of others, and her actions showed it (read Ruth 1:11-18).

venial sin [Grade 6]

A venial sin is less serious than a mortal sin; it is a sin that does not have all three things necessary for a sin to be mortal.

vocation [Grade 4]

A vocation is the work that we do as members of the Church. We are called to use our talents to carry on Christ's mission in the world.



wisdom [Grade 1]

Wisdom helps us to know what God wants us to do. It helps us to live a holy life.

wisdom [Grade 3]

When we have the spiritual gift of wisdom, we are able to see God in our lives and in the world around us. We try to see everyone and everything with God's eyes, not just our own.

wisdom [Grade 4]

Wisdom is one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This gift helps us see the world as God does. It helps us treat people with love as God treats everyone.

wise choices [Grade 2]

Wise choices help us to live as followers of God.

wonder [Grade 1]

The word "wonderful" comes from the word "wonder." Wonder is a special gift from God. God gives us this gift to help us come to know how good he is.

wonder [Grade 2]

Wonder is a gift from the Holy Spirit. It helps us see God's greatness. Wonder helps us discover more about God. It then moves us to praise him.

wonder and awe [Grade 4]

Wonder and awe, also called fear of the Lord, is a gift that strengthens our awareness of God's great love for us. It is a gift that we experience more and more as our friendship with God grows through prayer.

wonder and awe [Grade 5]

This Gift of the Holy Spirit encourages us to respect and be in awe of God. The mystery of faith is something that can cause us to marvel, or stand in awe, at God's great love.

wonder and awe [Grade 6]

Often this gift of the Holy Spirit is referred to as "fear of the Lord." This gift of awe before God enables us to be aware of God's mystery and majesty. We are humbled by his almighty power, perfect goodness, and unconditional love. Most sacred art reflects this kind of reverence to God and aids us in the worship due to God.

Works of Mercy [Grade 6]

Virtuous actions that we do to help others in need are the Works of Mercy. They are grouped as Corporal (bodily needs) and Spiritual (spiritual needs).

worship [Grade 1]

We worship God when we love and honor God more than anyone and anything else.

worship [Grade 2]

Worship means to honor and love God above all else.

worship [Grade 3]

Worship is the adoration and honor we give to God.

worship [Grade 4]

To worship is to honor and respect above all else, to give adoration, and praise to God.

worship [Grade 6]

Worship is the honor and respect we give to God above all else; faith in, hope in, and love for God above all else.