



Religious Education Directory

Year 5 overview

St Bernadette's Class

2026-2027



Hear



We will read the story of Moses with a focus on the Burning Bush (Ex 3:1-15)

The Sinai covenant and the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:3-8, 20:1-17)



Jesus' summary of the law (Matt 22:36-40)

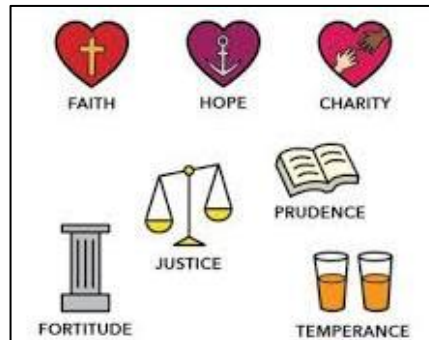
And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with **ALL YOUR HEART** and with **ALL YOUR SOUL** and with **ALL YOUR MIND**.
This is the great and first commandment.
MATTHEW 22:37-38

Believe

- A covenant is a binding agreement between God and human beings, which makes them his people.
- God made several covenants throughout history - with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David.
- God gives the Ten Commandments to help human beings live good and happy lives.
- Jesus teaches that the most important commandments are to love God and to love other people - just like our mission statement.
- 'We profoundly belong together and are fundamentally dependent on one another'. (YC 321)

Celebrate

- Sin is the deliberate spoiling of our friendship with God and each other.
- We can develop habits that will help us accomplish what is good. These habits are called virtues.



Live

- We will explore ways in which we act with love
- Using our Catholic Social Teaching Principles we will explore ways in which we can show love to others through day to day acts of service.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

We look after the world God has given us. We can help by keeping the Earth clean, saving water, protecting animals, and not wasting things. When we care for nature, we are showing love for God's beautiful creation.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."
— Genesis 2:15



Branch 2 - Autumn 2 Prophecy and Promise



Hear

We will be focusing on the life of David.



1 Samuel 16:1-13: anointing of David.

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-54: David and Goliath

2 Samuel 5:1-5: David becomes king.

2 Samuel 7: 8-15 God's covenant with David

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12: David's death

Gospels that link to the promise of David (Matt 1:1-17 and Luke 1:32-33)



HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH. AND THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE TO HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID, AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO END.
LUKE 1:32-33

Believe

- There were great kings anointed and chosen in the Old Testament. God chooses in unexpected ways and especially values those the world overlooks.
- David, the shepherd was called by God to become a servant king.
- For Christians, Jesus fulfils the promises made to David.
- Psalms are part of the Church's treasury of prayers.
- In praying psalms David is a model of prayer.

Celebrate

- We will learn to sing some words of Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd.
- We will learn O come O come Emmanuel.
- We will celebrate the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together.



Live

- We will choose and read our own Psalms and talk about their purpose.
- We will prepare for Christmas through Advent traditions.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Option for the poor means we care especially for people who are struggling or don't have enough. We try to help them, share what we have, and make sure they are treated fairly. It reminds us to be kind and to notice when someone needs help.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."
— Proverbs 19:17





Hear

The Beatitudes from
the Sermon on the
Mount (Matt 5:1-12)



The Good
Samaritan
(Lk 10:25-37)



Our Father
prayer (Matt
6:7-13)



The
Transfigura
tion (Matt
17:1-13)



Believe

- The Beatitudes show the loving face of Christ.
- The Beatitudes describe how faithful Christians should aim to live their lives.
- Christian hope and charity unfold from the Beatitudes as they show the path to a life in Christ.
- The Our Father is the perfect prayer given to us by Jesus himself.
- During the Transfiguration Jesus revealed his divine glory.

Celebrate

- We will look closely at the words of Our Father and the Act of Sorrow.
- We will revisit the theological virtues (faith, hope and love/charity) from autumn one and link them to the Beatitudes.



Live

- We will learn about the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love and look at the Act of Faith, Acts of Love, Acts of Hope prayers



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Every job is important and every worker should be treated with respect and fairness. Whether someone is building, teaching, cleaning, or helping others, their work matters. Everyone deserves to be valued and treated kindly for what they do.

"The worker deserves his wages."
— Luke 10:7





Hear

We will hear a selection of Ash Wednesday readings:
Joel 2:12-18,
Psalm 50:3-6,
2 Cor 5:20-6



Temptation in the Wilderness (Matt 4:1-11)



The Resurrection of the Dead Paul
(1 Corinthians 15:1- 8, 20-25, 54-57)



Believe

- Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is the first of the forty days of Lent leading up to Easter.
- The forty days refer to the time Jesus spent in the desert during which he was tempted.
- A sin is a word, deed, or intention by which a person deliberately chooses to turn away from God.
- Sin separates people from love and from good. All sins are damaging but some are so deadly they break our friendship with God.
- Conscience is an 'inner voice' that guides the choices people make.
- God speaks to people through their conscience.

Celebrate

- We celebrate the resurrection as part of our learning about Holy Week.
- We attend mass on Ash Wednesday together and we are about to talk about the significance of the ashes.
- We will learn the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- We will learn an Act of Contrition prayer.



Live

- We will perform The Stations of The Cross for our friends and families.
- We will look at how Catholics stand and move during mass.
- We will look at elements of the mass and link them to the Last Supper.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Every person is special and important because they are made by, and in the image of, God. No matter who they are, everyone deserves to be loved, respected, and treated kindly. We should always stand up for others and make sure no one is left out or treated badly. "So God created mankind in his own image."
— Genesis 1:27



Branch 5 - Summer I To the Ends of the Earth



Hear

We will look at echoes of Confirmation in the scriptures through: The Baptism of Jesus (Matt 3:13-17) and (Luke 4:16)



Baptism in the Spirit (Acts 8:14-16)



The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Wisdom



Knowledge



Counsel



Fortitude



Understanding



Piety



Fear of the Lord

Believe

- 'Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot understand Jesus'. (YC 114).
- The Sacrament of Confirmation completes baptismal grace, enriches those receiving the sacrament with the strength of the Holy Spirit who helps them be true witnesses of Christ in word and deed.
- The effects of confirmation are an increase in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, a closer bond with Jesus and the Church and a desire to spread the Gospel.
- Mary is an example of discipleship.



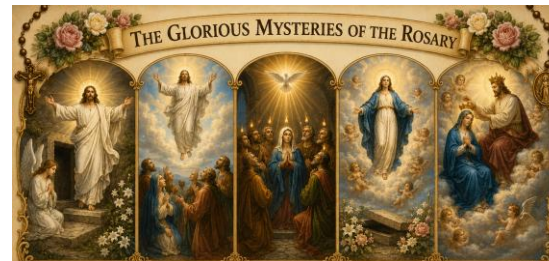
Live

- We will explore Artistic Representations of the Holy Spirit and how it is portrayed in the Bible.



Celebrate

- We will look at the actions, signs and symbols of the Catholic Rite of Confirmation.
- The Rosary is a reflection of the life of Christ and the Glorious Mysteries look at the miracles that occurred after the crucifixion.
- We will learn Come Holy Spirit.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Everyone at St. Mary's belongs and has something special to share. We are all invited to join in, help others, and work together to make things better. When we include others and listen to their ideas, we build a happy and caring community.

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
— Matthew 18:20





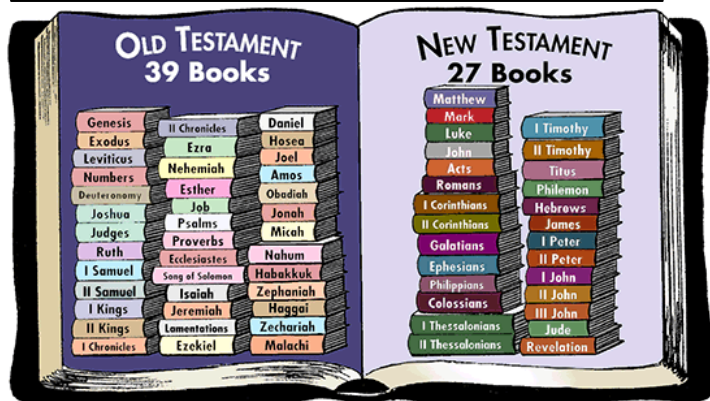
Dialogue



God's covenant with Abraham is the foundation of the Old Testament.



The Old Testament is important for Christians because it speaks of God's covenant with Abraham and is the foundation of the faith of Judaism and Christianity.



What Christians call the Old Testament originates in Hebrew scriptures.

Encounter

- That the Tanakh (or Hebrew Bible) uses different names for God, to express different aspects of His nature.
- The Shema prayer is the basic creed of Judaism. It encapsulates the intrinsic unity of the world and its Creator.
- We will use specialist vocabulary to describe some Jewish beliefs expressed in the Shema prayer ('Hear Oh Israel - the Lord our God, the Lord is One').
- A mezuzah contains the Shema prayer and on the box is the letter 'Shin' or sometimes the whole word 'Shaddai' meaning mighty.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

We remember that everyone in the world is part of one big family. We try to solve problems without fighting, by listening, sharing, and being kind. When we stand together and treat others with love and respect, we help make the world a more peaceful place just like Jesus asked us to.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

— Matthew 5:9

