

## LEVEL 3 – YEAR END REVIEW SHEET

The liturgical calendar on page 61 shows how the Church uses a special calendar to follow the Gospel stories. It begins with Advent and ends with Ordinary Time. We use colors for each Church season:

*The color used at Christmas and Easter to symbolize joy is **white**.*

*The color used in Ordinary Time to symbolize hope is **green**.*

*The color used in Lent and Advent to symbolize penance is **purple**.*

We learned the **Four Marks** of the Church:

*We are **ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC**.*

The prayer that summarizes our beliefs is the **Creed**. When we say “Amen” it means, “Yes, I believe.”

We use blessings, symbols, and objects to help us remember and use the graces we receive through the sacraments. These symbols are called **sacramentals**. They are statues, icons/pictures, rosaries, the crucifix, holy water, ashes, and even the sign of the cross.

God gave the Ten Commandments to **Moses** on Mt. Sinai. The first three Commandments are about loving God. The last seven Commandments are about loving others.

Jesus then made it easy for us to understand the Commandments. He gave us what we call the **Great Commandment**. He said, Love God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the **Sacraments of Initiation**. Once you receive your Confirmation, you will be an adult member of the church.

We just celebrated the Church’s **greatest celebration – Easter!**

**Lent** is the time to prepare for Easter. Catholics use a special Lenten devotion called **Stations of the Cross** (page 244 in your workbook). Catholics pray the

Stations of the Cross to help remind them of Jesus' suffering and death. The plaques around the Church show us the Stations, and help us to remember Jesus' journey to Calvary where He was crucified.

Jesus taught us to pray. He taught us the Our Father. He showed us by His own actions how important prayer is. Prayer is talking and listening to God. The greatest form of prayer is the **Mass**. When we celebrate Mass, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood of Jesus. Jesus first gave us the Eucharist on **Holy Thursday**. We call this the **Last Supper**. Jesus told us to, "Do this in memory of me."

After the Last Supper, the apostle Judas betrayed Jesus, and Jesus was arrested. Jesus died on the cross the next day on **Good Friday**.

The story of Jesus does not end with His crucifixion. The GOOD NEWS is that He rose from the dead, and conquered death, and opened the gates of Heaven. As He promised, in three days, Jesus rose from the dead on **Easter Sunday**. We call this the **Resurrection!**

Jesus appeared to His apostles after His Resurrection. He showed them His scars, He told them to tell everyone the Good News, and He promised that when He returned to His Father in Heaven, he would send His Holy Spirit. This happened Fifty days after Easter, on **Pentecost Sunday**. That is when Mary and the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the Church's birthday on Pentecost Sunday. The Easter season is from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

Jesus asked St. Peter to be the first leader of the Catholic Church. He was the first **Pope**. The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church on earth. Our Pope today is Pope Francis.

Mary is the Mother of the Church. The traditional color used to honor Mary is Blue.