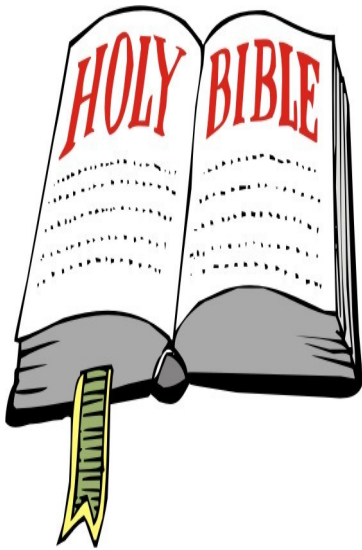




Religious Education

What It Means to Be Catholic



Being Catholic means more than attending parochial school, or going to religion class once a week, owning some rosary beads, and going to mass every Saturday night or Sunday morning. It means more than getting ashes smeared on your head once a year, eating fish on Fridays, and giving up chocolate for Lent. Being Catholic means living a totally Christian life and having a Catholic perspective.

Knowing what the Catholic church teaches. The Catholic religion is built by Christ on four pillars of faith: the creed (teachings), the sacraments (liturgical worship), the Ten

Commandments (moral code), and the Lord's Prayer or Our Father (prayer & spirituality)

Church doctrine and dogma can be very sophisticated, which may intimidate some people. But the fundamentals are rooted in the Church's creed: the first pillar of faith. Either the Nicene Creed or Apostle's Creed is said every Sunday and holy day to reaffirm what the Church actually teaches and expects her members to believe and profess. Catholics read the Bible and the catechism of the Catholic Church on faith and morals.



What Is A Catholic?



A Catholic Is a Christian who believes that: God, the creator of heaven and earth, is revealed to all people through Jesus Christ. And that the purpose of life is to know, love and serve God through divine worship and service to others.

Like other Christians, Catholics believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, and the truth of Sacred Scriptures (the Bible). Unlike other Christians, Catholics recognize the authority of the Pope and bishops for preserving truth of faith and doctrine.

A Catholic is a member of the original undivided Church.



The “Body of Christ”
(the visible presence of
Christ in the world)

The Church is a world-
wide community of peo-
ple God has called to
share the life, light and
love of Jesus Christ.

One—in doctrine, au-
thority and worship.

Holy—truly believing in

Christ’s teachings and
serving others through
the sacraments.

Catholic— embracing all
people of all times, all
places.

Apostolic—as the Apos-
tles did, the Church car-
ries Christ’s message
through the centuries to
all people throughout the
world.

Today, the Catholic
Church works and prays
for the real unity of faith
among all people as
Christ commanded.



The Apostles Creed & The Nicene Creed

I believe in God, the Father
Almighty, Creator of Heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his Only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was
buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended

into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of God the fa-
ther almighty; from there he
will come to judge the living
and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. AMEN..

I believe in one God, the Fa-
ther Almighty, maker of heav-
en & earth, of all things visible
and invisible. I believe in one
Lord Jesus Christ, the only
begotten Son of God, born of
the Father before all ages, God
from God, true God from true
God, begotten not made, con-
substantial with the Father;
through Him all things were

The Nicene Creed (continued)

made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

2015 2016 JWMS Religious Ed calendar

ALL Elementary Classes will meet on Sunday Mornings at John Wallace Middle School from 8:45AM – 10:15AM.

8:45AM Grades 1 – 3 have Mass in the Auditorium. Grades 4 -6 have class in designated classrooms.

9:30AM Grades 4 – 6 have Mass in the Auditorium. Grades 1 -3 have class in designated classrooms.

10:15AM Dismissal for ALL Grades.

2015

September

13 Week 1

20 Week 2

27 Week 3

October

04 Week 4

11 **Columbus Day Holiday / No Classes.**

18 Week 5

25 Week 6

November

01 Week 7

08 Week 8

15 Week 9

First Reconciliation – 2nd Grade – Saturday, November 21st at 10AM.

22 Week 10

29 **Happy Thanksgiving!! No Classes.**

December

06 Week 11

13 Week 12

20 Week 13

27 **Merry Christmas!! No Classes**

2016

January

03 **Happy New Year!! No Classes**

10 Week 14

17 Week 15

24 Week 16

31 Week 17

February

07 Week 18

14 **President’s Day Holiday / No classes**

21 Week 19

28 Week 20

March

06 Week 21

13 Week 22

20 Week 23 – **Palm Sunday Last week of classes.**

27 **Easter Sunday**



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All are Welcome

Religious Education Important dates for 2015 2016



JWMS Start – Sunday, September 13, 2015	First Holy Com- munion	Saturday, March 19, 2016
Kindergarten begins October 18, 2015	Saturday, April 9, 2016 or Saturday, April 16, 2016	Saturday, April 2, 2016
First Reconcilia- tion - Saturday, November 21, 2015	Possible Confir- mation	Saturday, March 12, 2016