

Adam : first man created by God. (CCC #359; 375; 388; 390; 402-404; 504)

Advent a time to get ready to celebrate the coming of the Son of God. (CCC #522-524)

Alleluia means “praise God.” Sung or recited before the Gospel except during Lent.

Altar the table, in Church, where the Eucharist is celebrated. (CCC #1182; 1383)

Angel: a messenger of God. (CCC #334-336; 350-352)

Annunciation: when the angel asked Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. (CCC #484; 494)

Bethlehem the city where Jesus was born.

Christmas when we celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus. (CCC #1171)

Church

the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus. (CCC #752; 811)

Easter: the day we celebrate Jesus' new life. (CCC #1169)

Eve: first woman created by God. (CCC #369; 375; 511)

Heaven: living and being happy with God forever. (CCC #1023)

Holy Family: the name of the human family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Holy Spirit: the third Person of the Trinity. (CCC #685; 152; 243)

Jesus: the Son of God and God's greatest gift to us. (CCC #184 f.; 430, 436; cf. 127)

Joseph: the step-father of Jesus and Mary's husband. (CCC #437)

Mary: the Mother of Jesus. (CCC #148; 495; 722; 726; 963)

Nativity: story of Jesus' birth.

Nazareth: town where Jesus grew up.

Prayer: talking and listening to God.
(CCC #2559-2565)

Trinity: name for three Persons in one
God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (CCC
#232; 237; 249; 253-256)

Meal Makers- 2nd Grade Vocabulary

Christian: a person who is baptized and follows Jesus. (CCC #1289)

Absolution: the forgiveness of sin you receive from God through the Church and the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. (CCC #1424; 1442; 1449; 1453; 1480)

Apostles: twelve men chosen by Jesus. (CCC #857)

Baptism: is the beginning of our new life in God's family. (CCC #977; 1213)

Bible: the Church's holy book. (CCC #105)

Blessed Sacrament: another name for the Eucharist. (CCC #1330)

Chalice: cup used by the priest at Mass.

Christian: a person who is baptized and follows Jesus. (CCC #1289)

Consecration: through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. (CCC #1352-1353)

Conversion: turning to God with all one's heart. (CCC #1427; 1431; 1423)

Crucifixion: how Jesus died.

Eucharist: the sacrament in which Jesus shares himself, and the bread and wine become his Body and Blood. (CCC #1332ff; 2177)

Examination of Conscience: a prayerful way we look at our thoughts, words, and actions. (CCC #1454)

Free Will: is the freedom and ability to choose. (CCC #1730-1739)

Hell: punishment for those who reject God's life and love. (CCC #1033)

Holy Communion: Holy Bread and Wine that you receive in Eucharist. (CCC #1382; 959)

Host: another name for the bread used for Holy Communion. (CCC #1992; 1378)

Immaculate Conception: the belief that Mary was free of original sin from the moment she was conceived. (CCC #491)

Immortal Soul: the spiritual part of every person; it is created by God. (CCC #363; 366)

Liturgy: the public worship of the Church. It includes the Sacraments and forms of daily prayer.

(CCC #1067-1069)

Liturgy of the Eucharist: the second main part of the Mass where the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. (CCC #1345-1355)

Liturgy of the Word: the first main part of the Mass in we hear the Word of God in the Scriptures. (CCC #1103; 1154; 1346; 1349; 2183)

Miracle: a sign or wonder which Jesus performed. (CCC #547)

Mortal Sin: serious sin that cuts people off from God's life. (CCC #1855; 1857)

New Testament: the second part of the Bible that tells of the life and teaching of Jesus, his followers, and the early Church. (CCC #124; 128)

Old Testament: tells the stories of God's chosen people, the Israelites (Jews). Also called the Hebrew Scriptures. (CCC #120-121)

Original Sin: the first sin committed by the first people. (CCC #396-412)

Paschal Mystery: the passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. (CCC #1067; 1076; 1362-1372)

Penance: a prayer or an act to make up for sin. (CCC #1431; 1434; 2043)

Priest: one called by God to lead the community in worship and to serve. (CCC #784; 1119; 1546-1547)

Proverbs: brief sayings that give wise advice.

Psalms: poetic prayers designed to be sung or chanted to some kind of musical instrument. (CCC #2585)

Reconciliation: the sacrament in which God's forgiveness for sin is given through the

Church. (CCC #1442-1445)

Sacraments: holy signs that come from Jesus and give life. (CCC #1131, 774; 1210)

Satan: another name for the devil. (CCC #391; 395; 2851)

Sin: choosing to disobey God. It is doing what you know is wrong. (CCC #1849; 1853-1854)

Sins of Commission: when we sin by doing what we know is wrong. (CCC #1849-1854)

Sins of Omission: when we sin by failing to do what we know is right. (CCC #1849-1854)

Stewardship: responsibility for caring for and protecting God's creation and God's people.

Temptation: choices that may hurt our friendship with God and others. (CCC #538)

Venial Sin: a less serious sin that does not completely remove a person from God's life and love.

(CCC #1855; 1862)

Faithful Followers- 3rd Grade Vocabulary

Canonization: a solemn declaration by the Pope that a deceased member of the faithful may be proposed as a model and venerated as a saint. (CCC #828)

Catholic: means “universal”. (CCC #750; 830)

Disciple: a person who chose to follow Jesus. (CCC #767; 787)

Ambo: also called the lectern. Place where the Word of God is proclaimed and the homily given. (CCC#1 **Encyclicals:** letters from the Pope to all the members of the Church throughout the world in which the Pope clarifies or reinforces Catholic teachings. (CCC #892)

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Gospel: means “good news.” Tells us about the life of Jesus. (CCC #571; 1946; 75; 124; 514)

Holy Week: the week before Easter that begins on Palm Sunday. (CCC #1169)

Lent: a time when we are asked to pray, act as Jesus did and find ways to care for others. (CCC #540; 1095; 1438)

Liturgical Year: the celebration in the liturgy of events in the life of Jesus. (CCC #1168)

Marks of the Church: the four characteristics of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. (CCC #811)

Ordinary Time: part of the Liturgical Year.

Parable: a story Jesus told that teaches something about God. (CCC #546)

Paschal Candle: special candle used on Holy Saturday, turning the Easter season, at baptisms and funerals.

Pope: successor of Peter. Leader of the universal Catholic Church. (CCC #880-882)

Precepts of the Church: laws that help us know and fulfill our responsibilities as members of the Church. (CCC #2041)

Saint: a person who lived a good life and loved God and is in heaven. (CCC #823; 946)

Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These three days celebrate Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection. (CCC #1168)

Worship: when the Church community gathers to praise God. (CCC #2096; 1067)

Busy Bee's- 4th Grade Vocabulary

Beatitudes: Jesus' teachings about how to live and find real happiness in God. (CCC #1717; 1728)

Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance. (CCC #1805; 18340)

Corporal Works of Mercy: loving actions by which we respond to the basic physical needs of people. (CCC #2447)

Covenant: an agreement between persons or groups of people. God made a special covenant with his people. (CCC #56; 62; 66)

Grace: sharing in God's life and love. (CCC #1996; 2000)

Morals: goodness or evil of human acts.
(CCC #1749)

Spiritual Works of Mercy: loving actions by which we respond to the basic spiritual needs of people. (CCC #2247)

Ten Commandments: God's laws about loving God and others. (CCC #2058; 2067)

Theological Virtues: three spiritual qualities - faith, hope and charity – that come from God and help us become more holy. (CCC #1812-1813; 1840-1841)

Lucky Seven's- 5th Grade Vocabulary

Anointing of the Sick: the sacrament by which God's grace and comfort are given to those who are seriously ill or suffering because of their age. Sacrament of Healing. (CCC#1499; 1520; 1523; 152601532)

Epistles: “letters” written to the early Christian communities.

Bishop: is a leader of a diocese, and chief teachers of the Catholic Church (CCC #1557; 861; 886)

Chrism: perfumed oil blessed by the bishop. (CCC #1241; 1289; 1291; 1294)

Confirmation: the sacrament by which we receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in a special way. Sacrament of Initiation. (CCC #1285)

Creed: a statement of the Church’s beliefs. (CCC #187)

Deacon: a person who is ordained to serve the parish community in many ways. (CCC #1569; 1571)

Evangelist: another name for a Gospel writer. (CCC #125; 120)

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. (CCC #1832)

Genesis: first book in the Old Testament. (CCC #120)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: help us to know and love God and live as his followers. The gifts are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. (CCC #1830)

Holy Orders: the sacrament in which men are ordained to serve the Church as deacons, priests, and bishops. Sacrament of Vocation/Service. (CCC #1536)

Incarnation: God's Son becoming man, one like us, Jesus Christ, who is both human and divine. (CCC #461; 464)

Infallibility: the gift of the Holy Spirit that keeps the Church from error – in believing and teaching – in matters concerning revelation and the deposit of faith. (CCC #92)

Marriage: the sacrament in which a man and woman become husband and wife and promise to be faithful to each other for the rest of their lives. Sacrament of Vocation/Service. (CCC #1601)

Messiah: it means “anointed” Jesus was the Messiah. (CCC #436)

Passover: the event in which God passed over the whole of Egypt, taking the lives of every firstborn Egyptian and saving the Israelites. (CCC #571; 608; 671; 1334-1340)

Pentecost: the day the Holy Spirit first came upon the disciples and the Church. (CCC #726; 731; 1076)

Pharisees: Jewish religious leaders who accepted the written laws of the Old Testament and tradition.

Pontius Pilate: Roman procurator who condemned Jesus to death.

Prophet: someone who speaks on behalf of God, defends the truth, and works for justice. (CCC #702; 64; 120; 522; 2581; 721)

Purgatory: a process of final purification after death in which those who have died in the state of grace grow in the holiness they need to enter heaven. (CCC #1031)

Resurrection: the name for Jesus being raised from the dead to new life. (CCC #638)

Sanctifying Grace: the gift of sharing in God's life which we receive in the sacraments. (CCC #1999)

Viaticum: the name for Holy Communion when it is given to the dying. (CCC #1524)

Vocation: we are called to use our talents to carry on Christ's mission in the world. (CCC #1; 358; 1700; 825)