

Junior Religion

Mrs. Gavila 2015-2016

The goal for this year is to study Church history and Catholic morality. First, the course will review the history of the Church for a better understanding of the Church today. Second, we will study moral development, conscience, evil, forgiveness and peacemaking strategies.

Jesus' teachings and examples of his life will be studied as the model for our own moral development and decision-making. We will also study the lives of saints and martyrs as examples of moral courage.

Finally, we will examine current moral issues dealing with social justice and reverence for human life. We will discuss church teaching on sexuality, marriage, birth control, abortion, genetic engineering, capital punishment, and euthanasia.

The Religion grade will be given at the end of each semester. Grades will be based on tests grades 50%, written homework assignments and class work 50%. All homework is due on Day 6 of the cycle. In case of an absence from a test, the test and Religion homework must be made up before the next Religion cycle or submitted on the first day of the next cycle.

Syllabus for the First Semester

The first cycle (9/23-10/2) **Acts of the Apostles and formation of early Church.**

Assignment: Read from the **Acts of the Apostles** in the Bible
Complete the review sheet for the book test. Homework due Day 6
Answer Review questions about the Acts of the Apostles

Test on day7, October 1: Left to Tell

The second cycle: (10/15- 10/26) St. Augustine, St. Francis. Development of the Church

Assignment Read Matthew chapters 5 and 6, write a few sentences explaining the meaning of each **bold** topic
Homework due Day 6

Test on Day 7 based on the Apostles Creed.

The third cycle: (11/6-11/17) Major Divisions due to the Protestant Reformation

The Catholic response
Assignment: Complete various worksheets
Homework due Day 6

Test on Day 7

The fourth Cycle (12/2-12/11): Vatican Councils

Assignment: Complete various review sheets on the Vatican Council II
Complete color wheel of Church Calendar
Homework due Day 6

Test on day 7

The fifth Cycle (1/4-1/12/16) Review for midterm exam

Read the letter of James and write a few sentences explaining the meaning of each **Bold** topic.

Assignment: Study and review all Church history for Midterm Exam
Midterm Exam January 11 & 12, 2016