

Religion Guidelines

Below is a synopsis of the core content guidelines for each grade level as established by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and applicable to St. Thomas of Villanova REP.

Kindergarten

The Bible, Creation, The Holy Family, Mary, Christian Community, Prayer, Sacraments, Liturgical Year

Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Intro to Hail Mary and Our Father

Grade One

God the Father, Creation, Living in God's World, God the Son-Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit, Sacraments of Initiation, Mary, Liturgical Year, Prayer

Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father

Grade Two

Holy Trinity, Sacraments of Initiation & Healing, The Mass: 2 Parts – Liturgy of the Word & Liturgy of the Eucharist, Topics related to The Mass, Mary, Liturgical Year, Prayer, Review of steps in receiving Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist

Prayers: Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Act of Contrition

Grade Three

The Trinity, Sacraments, God's Law, Christian Community, Mary, Liturgical year

Prayers: Grace at Meals, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition

Grade Four

God the Father, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Holy Spirit, Creed, Commandments, Grace, Sin, Conscience, The Beatitudes, Mary, Liturgical Year

Prayers: Grace, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Nicene Creed, How to Pray the Rosary

Grade Five

Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, The Sacraments at the Service of Communion, Mary, Liturgical Year, Holy Spirit, The Bible

Prayers: Grace, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Nicene Creed, How to Pray the Rosary

Grade Six

The Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation (including the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit)

Archdiocesan Approved Textbook Series

Grades K-6th grades use Sadlier's new "We Believe – Catholic Identity", which inspires your children to learn and live their faith and go out into the world as Catholics – proud of who they are. This new Catholic Identity Edition will build Catholic identity around the four pillars of faith as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Workshop & Sacraments, and Morality & Prayer. This series also involves families with tools to enrich their own identity as a Catholic Family in today's world.