KINDERGARTEN OBJECTIVES

GOAL

- **To develop the Roman Catholic Identity of the child – individually, within the family and with in the parish.**

PRAYER

- **Prayer:** talking and listening to God. Sometimes it is spontaneous and sometimes it is structured.
- **SIGN OF THE CROSS**
- **THE LORD"S PRAYER (OUR FATHER)**
- **HAIL MARY**
- **GRACE BEFORE MEALS**

MASS PARTICIPATION

- Be able to bless themselves with holy water when entering the church.
- To know that if they are in a church or chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is kept, they should **genuflect (show reverence to the tabernacle by touching the right knee to the ground)** and bless themselves when entering or leaving a pew.
- Be able to respond (in bold) during the Entrance/Greeting
  In the name of the Father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism**: the celebration that joins people to God's family, the Church. Through Baptism, you become a child of God and receive God's life and grace. Our sins are taken away.
- Have an awareness of the Sacraments as they observe others receive them.

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

- God made me and He loves me
- God is our Father who loves us and cares for us.
- Because of his great love, God created the world and everything in it.
- God created everything good.
- Jesus tells us that God His Father is our loving Father, too.
- God gave us rules to help us to be happy and to keep us safe (a general awareness of the ten commandments).

LITURGICAL YEAR

- **Advent**: the four weeks waiting for Christmas
- **Christmas**: the day we remember the birth of Jesus.
- **Lent**: the forty days before Easter when we remember that Jesus died and rose to new life.
- **Easter**: the day we remember Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

SCRIPTURE

- **Bible:** the Holy Book, the Word of God.
- **Old Testament Stories:**
  The Story of Creation (God created the world, Adam and Eve, etc.)
  Heroes of the Bible (David, Noah, Daniel, Moses, Samson, etc)
- **New Testament Stories:**
  The life of Jesus (His teachings, parables and miracles)
  The Holy Family (Nativity, use Mary, Joseph and Jesus as a model)

SAINTS

- **Saints** are God's friends

CATHOLIC VOCABULARY TO REIVEW

- **Alleluia:** Taken from Hebrew meaning "all praise to God who is." At mass it used to express joy or thanksgiving
- **Amen:** Yes! This is so!
- **Church:** The group of followers of Jesus who believe the same faith, receive the sacraments and obey the Pope.
- **Commandments:** God's laws of love – love God and your neighbor.
- **Creation:** The world, animals, plants, humans, angels – all things made by God from nothing.
- **Eucharist:** The real Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine.
- **God:** The Supreme Being who is infinitely perfect.
- **Grace:** A gift from God which gives us a share in His Divine Life.
- **Heaven:** Eternal life and happiness with God forever. Heaven is for those who have died in the state of grace.
- **Hero:** A person idealized or held in esteem for superior qualities and deeds. The saints are examples of heroes.
- **Holy Family** –Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- **Jesus:** The Son of God, who became our friend and brother.
- **Obedience:** A virtue in which you have a respectful and enthusiastic willingness to do what one in authority (parent, teacher) tells you to do.
- **Parable:** A story that has a special lesson to learn. Jesus often taught by using parables.
- **Respect:** To think highly of someone and show respect for them.
- **Saint/Sainthood:** a holy person who loved God very much on earth and now lives with Him in heaven.
- **Thankfulness:** Appreciation
- **"Yes to God":** A phrase used to denote assent and submission to God's will.