

4th Grade Study Guide

What is the name of our Pastor?

- **Fr. Richard**

What is the name of our Pope?

- **Pope Leo XIV**

Definitions

- **Sacred Scripture:** another name for the bible.
- **Sin:** A deliberate thought or deed that goes against the laws of God.
- **Free Will:** God given freedom & ability to make choices.
- **Conscience:** A gift from God that helps us to know the difference between right and wrong.
- **Beatitudes:** Teachings of Jesus that shows us the way to true happiness.
- **Holy Trinity:** One God in three divine persons.
- **Resurrection:** The event of Jesus being raised from the dead.
- **Worship:** To adore and praise God.
- **Ten Commandments:** Laws that God gave Moses that tell us what is necessary to love God and others.
- **Original Sin:** The sin of Adam and Eve.

The Moral Compass - These will be open-ended questions on the test.

Core Themes to Talk About:

- **Free Will & Conscience:** Free Will is the incredible gift from God that allows us to make our own choices. To help us use this gift, God gave us a Conscience—an inner voice or moral compass that helps us recognize the difference between right and wrong. We form a good conscience by reading Scripture, praying, and listening to the Church.
- **Mistakes vs. Sin:** A mistake is an accident (like knocking over a glass). A sin is a deliberate, knowing choice to do something wrong that breaks or damages God's laws of love.
- **Mortal Sin vs. Venial Sin:** * **Mortal Sin:** A extremely serious choice done with full knowledge and complete consent that completely cuts off our relationship with God's grace.
- **Venial Sin:** A less serious choice that weakens our friendship with God but does not completely destroy it.

- **The Ten Commandments:** These are the protective boundaries God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai. They aren't meant to restrict our fun; they are guardrails that protect our freedom, our families, and our safety.
- **The Beatitudes:** Taught by Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount, these eight blessings are the "attitudes" we need to have to find true kingdom happiness. For example, being a peacemaker means actively stopping arguments and bringing Christ's calm to a situation.
- **Sacred Scripture:** The Bible is the living, inspired Word of God. It isn't a dead history book; God still uses its words to speak directly to our hearts today.

Practice Scenario to Discuss: *Your friends want to look at something on a tablet that you know your parents wouldn't allow. Your conscience tells you to walk away, but your free will means you have to choose. How do you find the courage to make the holy choice, even if your friends call you boring?*

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they name;

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

***Assessments will take place on the last day of class.**