

Grade Level Glossary: Grade 3

Glossary Term	Std./Ind.	Definition
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Abraham	2.08	Abraham is the father of the Jewish people, Christians are children of Abraham because Jesus Christ was a Jew.
Advent	4.04	A liturgical season made up of the four weeks before Christmas, which helps us prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth.
Anointing of the Sick	3.06	A sacrament given to people who are very sick. The holy oil and prayers give the person strength, peace and courage to face their illness.
Apostles	8.06	The twelve men chosen by Jesus to accompany him in his earthly ministry and to continue his mission.
Apostles' Creed	1.02	A prayer that tells what Catholics believe about God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Baptism	3.02	A Sacrament of Initiation that begins our life as Christians. Baptism cleanses us from Original Sin and gives us new life in Christ.
Body of Christ	4.01	Another name for the Church. Jesus is the head and we are the members of the body.
Christians	8.03	Everyone who follows Jesus and receives the Holy Spirit in Baptism.
Christmas	4.04	The day and liturgical season (of 8 days) that celebrates the birth of Jesus.
Church	8.01	The community of those who have been baptized and follow Jesus.
Clergy	8.04	Men who have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. This includes bishops, priests, and deacons. They guide the Church and bring the sacraments to the people.
Communion of Saints	8.05	All baptized people, both those who are living and those who have died, who have loved and served God as His friends in this life.

Confirmation	3.02	A Sacrament of Initiation that strengthens us with the Holy Spirit and brings us closer to Jesus.
Dignity	6.07	The value that each person has because they are made in God's image. While we have different talents and abilities, all people are equal in dignity.
Disciple	11.01	A person who accepts Jesus' message of love and tries to live as Jesus taught.
Easter	4.04	The day and liturgical season (50 days) that celebrates Jesus being raised from the dead after three days in the tomb. Easter is the greatest celebration of the liturgical year.
Eucharist	3.02	A Sacrament of Initiation that gives thanks to God and unites us to Jesus by receiving his Body and Blood.
Holy Family	10.04	The family of Jesus; Mary, his Mother; and Joseph, his foster father.
Holy Orders	3.07	A sacrament that gives men the blessing and strength to carry on the mission of the Church and bring the sacraments to the people.
Holy Trinity	1.01	The central belief of the Catholic faith that there is one God in three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
Inspired	2.02	The Holy Spirit guided the writers of the Bible to tell the truth that God wants us to know.
Judge	1.06	A title used for God to describe how He in His mercy will hold us accountable for our actions.
Justice	6.06	Treating all people with the fairness and respect God wants for everyone.
Law of Love	5.05	The teaching of Jesus that sums up the Ten Commandments: love God and love our neighbor.
Lay people	8.04	All the faithful men and women who are members of the Church but are not clergy or members of a religious order.
Lent	4.04	A liturgical season of forty days before Easter during which we pray, fast and serve others so we can celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Liturgy of the Eucharist	4.03	The part of the Mass when the priest consecrates the bread and wine, which become the Body and Blood of Christ.
Liturgy of the Word	4.03	The part of the Mass when the Word of God is read and the priest or deacon gives a homily.
Mass	4.02	The central liturgical celebration of the Church in which we give thanks and praise to God by listening to His Word and receiving Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist.
Matrimony	3.07	Another name for marriage, it is the sacrament where a man and a woman agree to be partners for life in a family, to help make each other and their children grow in holiness.
Merciful	1.06	Showing compassion to those who are suffering and forgiveness to those who have done wrong.
Missionary	14.04	Someone who goes out to bring God's love to others by telling them about God and through works of mercy and service.
Modesty	10.01	Humility and respectfulness in how we dress, speak, and act towards others.
Monstrance	3.05	A special container that holds and displays a consecrated Host for adoration.
Moral Choice	5.01	A choice to do something that you know is good or something that you know is evil.
Mortal Sin	5.03	A serious action you choose to do even though you know that it is against God's will. A mortal sin breaks your relationship with God and requires the healing grace of the Sacrament of Penance.
Mother of God	1.09	The name given to Mary because she is the mother of Jesus who is truly God.
Mother of the Church	1.09	The name given to Mary to show that she is the spiritual mother for all those who belong to the People of God.
Ordinary Time	4.04	A liturgical season when we pay special attention to the teachings of Jesus. Ordinary time occurs twice during the liturgical year.
Our Father	2.12	The prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. In this prayer, we pray as children of God to our loving Father. It is also called the Lord's Prayer.

Penance/Reconciliation	3.06	A sacrament in which we both ask for and receive forgiveness from God for our sins. When we celebrate Penance, we renew our friendship with God and His Church in a special way.
Pope	8.08	The visible leader of the Catholic Church on earth. The Pope is the successor of Peter because he follows all the other popes since the time of Jesus.
Redeemer	1.04	A title used for Jesus, who through his death and resurrection, set us free from the power of sin and restored our friendship with God.
Religious	8.04	The title given to men or women who make special vows to serve God and His Church through service and prayer usually as part of a group called an order.
Resurrection	1.07	The event of God the Father raising Jesus from the dead three days after his death and burial.
Reveals	2.01	The act of God communicating the mysteries of faith to us through words and deeds throughout history.
Sacrament	3.01	An outward sign of God's grace given to us by Jesus to help us grow in holiness.
Sacraments at the Service of Communion	3.07	The sacraments that give us the grace to help others grow in holiness.
Sacraments of Healing	3.06	The sacraments that give special grace to restore our soul and body.
Sacraments of Initiation	3.02	The sacraments that begin our life in Christ and give us special grace to continue to grow in our faith.
Saints	14.05	People who have lived holy lives on earth and now live with God in heaven.
Savior	1.04	A title used for Jesus who became human to save us from sin and to make eternal life with God possible.
Stewardship	6.04	The responsibility to take care of the gifts God has given to us and share them generously with others.
Triduum	4.05	The three holiest days of the liturgical year. The Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday and ends at sundown on Easter Sunday.

Venial Sin	5.03	Something you choose to do that harms but does not break your relationship with God. This kind of sin keeps you from growing in holiness.
Virtue	6.05	A habit of choosing to do good even when it is hard to do so (e.g. giving up something we like, overcoming temptations.) Virtues helps us to lead holy lives.