

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy
21-18 46th St.
Queens, NY 11105

Class: 7th Grade Religion

Teacher: Mr. Cain

Course Description: Welcome to 7th Grade Religion! The 7th Grade Religion curriculum centers a broad, yet meticulous analysis and evaluation of scripture from both the Old and New Testament by identifying spiritual themes and theological virtues from biblical passages and parables. Students will have a rudimentary knowledge of canon law ranging from ecclesiastical responsibilities to parishioner obligations pertaining to conduct and ethics within the Catholic Church. The course also emphasizes guiding students towards recognizing the distinction between moral truth and sin based on biblical textual evidence and real-life scenarios in order to facilitate a robust Catholic moral identity. Students will also comprehend and apply the significance of personal prayer and reflection as integral forms of Catholic lifestyle and decision-making.

Class Policies/Procedures:

Homework: Homework will be given 1-2 times a week and should take roughly 30 minutes to complete. Homework is graded based on a check system ranging from a check plus or fully completed homework, check minus or incomplete homework to a zero for non-submission of homework. Students can make up homework with excused absences.

Tests: Tests are given every 2 weeks based on content covered in the Diocesan Religion curriculum. Students will be given one-week notification before a test and receive a test review session prior to the test. The format of a test will be discussed in advance. Tests must be signed by a parent.

Projects: A Religion project will be assigned 1-2 times per trimester in order to provide students with the opportunity to explore a topic or theme in 7th Grade Religion in greater depth utilizing creativity and content knowledge acquired from class. A criteria sheet will be distributed to students regarding each assigned project. Students will complete in-class and independent projects at the discretion of the instructor.

Class Participation: Students are expected to participate regularly in classroom learning activities, discussions and group work. Questions are always encouraged.

Classroom Conduct: Students will be respectful and courteous to both peers and the instructor during class sessions. Attentiveness to instructions and procedures is essential for a successful, productive learning environment.

Positive Note: Last, but not least, it is an honor to have each student in 7th Grade Religion. If any student is struggling in Religion, I am more than happy to speak to and assist any student in need of additional academic or personal support.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to having a great year together!!

Mr. Cain

“Come, follow me and I will send you out to fish for people.” - Jesus