

# **Basic Study Questions**

**For**

**Grade Six**

Please note: the first number before each question indicates in which chapter of the textbook the topic of the question can be found.

➤ **Grade 6 First Semester (Chapters 1-16)**

1.1 Who created us?

God created us. He created us in His image. We are created as either male or female.

1.2 What is free will? Does man have free will?

Free will is the ability to make a choice. Yes, man has free will and should choose to do good and avoid evil.

1.3 What is a conscience?

A conscience is the internal guide which helps us decide whether actions are right or wrong.

1.4 What is natural law? What is its most basic principle?

Natural law is the basic moral law which God has placed in human nature and which we discover through reason. Its most basic principle is, "Do good and avoid evil."

1.5 What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments are the moral laws that God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai as described in the Old Testament. These laws are for all God's people until the end of time.

1.6 Name the Ten Commandments.

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have other gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

1.7 What are the two Great Commandments which Jesus taught us?

- a. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.
- b. Love your neighbor as yourself.

2.1 How many gods are there?

There is one God.

2.2 What is worship?

Worship is the love, honor and adoration which we give to God. We are called to worship and serve God alone.

2.3 What is heresy?

Heresy is denying or disagreeing with a particular truth of the Faith.

2.4 What is apostasy?

Apostasy is the total rejection of the faith by a baptized person.

2.5 What is idolatry?

Idolatry is worshipping something other than God or making something or someone more important than God.

2.6 What is a sacrifice?

A sacrifice is offering something up to God that is important to us, in order to show Him how much we love Him.

2.7 What was the perfect sacrifice offered to God?

The perfect sacrifice offered to God was the offering of His Son, Jesus Christ, upon the Cross.

3.1 What is prayer?

Prayer is raising our heart and mind to God and having a conversation with Him.

3.2 What is mental prayer?

Mental prayer is said with the mind and heart alone.

3.3 What is vocal prayer?

Vocal prayer is expressed by spoken words.

### 3.4 What is the most perfect prayer?

The Mass is the most perfect prayer because in it Jesus offers Himself to the Father for us. We offer ourselves to the Father along with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 4.1 Who are the saints?

The saints are those souls who are in Heaven with God. The saints we know by name are those who the Church has determined with certainty to be in Heaven.

### 4.2 What is a patron saint?

A patron saint is that saint for whom we are named. It can also be a saint chosen to intercede for a particular group or purpose.

### 5.1 What does it mean to show reverence?

To show reverence means to show great honor and respect.

### 5.2 What does it mean to take the name of the Lord in vain?

To take the name of the Lord in vain means to use His name in a way which is disrespectful or in a way which does not show reverence.

### 5.3 What is blasphemy?

Blasphemy is the sin of speaking in a hateful or irreverent way to or about God, the Blessed Mother, the saints or other holy things.

### 5.4 What is an oath?

An oath is calling upon God to witness to the truth of what we are saying.

### 5.5 What is a vow?

A vow is a promise made to God or others.

### 6.1 What is the best way to keep the Lord's Day holy?

The best way to keep the Lord's Day holy is to go to Mass. Also, we should not do unnecessary work on the Lord's Day.

### 6.2 What are Holy Days of Obligation?

Holy Days of Obligation are those days on which the Church celebrates something very special. Just like a Sunday, we have an obligation to attend Mass and we should not do unnecessary work.

6.3 List the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States in order of the Liturgical year.

1. The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception – December 8
2. The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas) –December25
3. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1
4. The Solemnity of the Ascension – 40 days after Easter
5. The Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15
6. The Solemnity of All Saints – November 1

7.1 What is penance?

Penance is something done (self-denial, prayer, or action) to make up for sin. All Fridays of the year and the entire Season of Lent are times of penance for the Church.

7.2 What is abstinence?

Abstinence is giving something up voluntarily. In the Church, abstinence means not eating meat.

7.3 What is fasting?

Fasting is eating no food at all or eating less food than usual.

7.4 What are the required days of both fasting and abstinence in the Church?

The required days of both fasting and abstinence in the Church are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

7.5 What are the days of required abstinence (not eating meat)?

All Fridays during the Season of Lent are required days of abstinence.

8.1 What does it mean to honor our father and mother?

To honor our father and mother, we must love, respect and obey them. We should also respect and obey anyone who is put in authority over us.

9.1 What must we do if someone in authority commands us to violate God's law?

If someone in authority commands us to violate God's law, we must obey God rather than men.

9.2 What is the duty of a citizen?

The duty of a citizen is to contribute to the good of society – obeying just laws, paying taxes, voting and defending one's country.

10.1 Who founded (started) the Catholic Church?

Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church.

10.2 What is the mission of the Church?

The mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and lead all people to holiness.

10.3 List the precepts (rules and disciplines) of the Church.

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. Confess your sins at least once a year.
3. Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. Help provide for the needs of the Church.
6. Obey the laws of the Church concerning Matrimony\*
7. Participate in the Church's mission of evangelization of souls\*

\*not in the textbook

10.4 Why does the Church have the authority to make laws and precepts?

The Church has the authority to make laws and precepts because Jesus gave this authority to Peter (the first pope) and the Apostles and through them to all popes and bishops who came after them.

11.1 What does "You shall not kill" mean?

"You shall not kill" means you should never purposely end a human life. We should respect and defend all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. We should never purposely hurt someone physically, emotionally or spiritually.

12.1 What is scandal?

Scandal is when we deliberately lead someone to sin by our words or actions (setting a bad example).

13.1 What do the Sixth and Ninth Commandments demand?

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments require us to be chaste in our actions and words (6<sup>th</sup>) and in our thoughts and desires (9<sup>th</sup>).

### 13.2 What is chastity?

Chastity is a virtue which helps us to avoid anything which may be a temptation to sin against purity. It involves self-denial and self-control.

### 13.3 What does purity mean?

Purity means guarding our thoughts, words and actions so they are pleasing to God. It means being modest, staying away from indecent/immoral books, magazines, movies, etc.

### 13.4 Why are we called to develop and maintain a pure heart and soul?

We are called to develop and maintain a pure heart and soul because we are made in the image and likeness of God, and He is all pure.

### 14.1 What does the Seventh Commandment require of us?

The Seventh Commandment requires that we respect other people's property and that we do not take something that belongs to someone else. It also requires if we damage the property of another, we must repair or replace it.

### 14.2 What does covet mean?

To covet means to want something more than we should, especially something that belongs to someone else. The Tenth Commandment forbids this, as well as having an excessive desire for wealth and power.

### 15.1 What does the Eighth Commandment tell us?

The Eighth Commandment tells us that we must speak the truth always. It tells us we must not speak unkindly or falsely about others, or form rash judgments of our neighbor's actions.

### 15.2 What is gossip?

Gossip is talking about the faults of others or exaggerating them. This is a sin against the Eighth Commandment.

### 16.1 What are the Beatitudes?

The Beatitudes are an outline of the blessings and joys which await people who follow Jesus and his way of life. Beatitude means blessing.

\* See #23 on page 16 for list of the Beatitudes \*

➤ **Grade 6 Second Semester (Chapters 17-31)**

17.1 What is Passover?

The Passover is a Jewish feast celebrated every year in remembrance of God rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt. It is called Passover because the Angel of Death “passed over” the houses of the people of Israel – identified by the doorpost being marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb - while striking down the firstborn children of the Egyptian families.

17.2 What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. The Holy Eucharist is one of the seven sacraments; it is also called Holy Communion.

17.3 When did Jesus institute the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist?

Jesus celebrated the first Mass and instituted the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, when He said, “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood” and the bread and wine became His Body and Blood.

17.4 What is a mystery?

A mystery is a truth revealed by God that we cannot fully comprehend.

17.5 When did Jesus institute/establish the Sacrament of Holy Orders (the priesthood)?

Jesus established the priesthood at the Last Supper when He said to His Apostles, “Do this in memory of me.”

18.1 What is the Holy Mass?

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine, which is offered by the priest to God in remembrance of and re-presentation of the Sacrifice of the Cross.

18.2 Is the Sacrifice of the Mass the same sacrifice as the Sacrifice of the Cross?

The Sacrifice of the Mass is the same sacrifice as the Sacrifice of the Cross; the only difference is in the way it is offered.

18.3 What are the four purposes (ends) of the Mass?

- a. worship and adoration
- b. thanksgiving
- c. making satisfaction for sins
- d. petitioning the Father for the needs of ourselves and others



19.1 How is the Mass a sacrifice?

The Mass is a sacrifice because through the priest, Christ offers Himself to the Father on the Cross for our sins.

19.2 How is the Mass a meal?

The Mass is a meal because just like the Apostles at the Last Supper, we are fed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

20.1 What are three conditions necessary for the worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist? \*\*

- a. be in the state of grace (free of mortal sin)
- b. believe it is Jesus whom we are about to receive
- c. observe the Eucharistic fast (no food or drink – other than water and medicine – for one hour before Holy Communion)

\*\* also found in Chapter 27

21.1 What was the Resurrection?

The Resurrection was when Jesus rose from the dead on the Sunday following His death on the Cross on Good Friday.

21.2 What is the importance of the Resurrection?

The Resurrection is important because it proves that Jesus is God.

21.3 Why did Jesus stay on the earth for forty days after His Resurrection?

Jesus stayed on the earth for forty days after the Resurrection to prove that He had risen from the dead, to strengthen the Apostles' faith in Him and to prepare them to be leaders of His Church.

22.1 What are the two main parts of the Holy Mass?

The two main parts of the Holy Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

22.2 Who presides over every Mass?

Christ himself presides over every Mass in the person of the ordained priest.

23.1 Where do the Readings at Mass come from?

The Readings at Mass come from the Old Testament and the New Testament of the Bible.

### 23.2 What do we find in the Old Testament?

The Old Testament contains information on the history of creation and of God's chosen people.

### 23.3 What do we find in the New Testament?

The New Testament contains the Gospels (what Jesus said and did while He was on earth) and writings about the early Church.

### 23.4 Who wrote the four Gospels?

The writers of the four Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

### 23.5 What is a Homily?

A Homily is an explanation of what we have heard in the Readings at Mass, and also instruction on how to live according to God's word.

### 23.6 What is the Creed?

The Creed is a statement of what we believe about God and His Church.  
(credo: I believe)

### 24.1 When do the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus?

The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus at the words of Consecration.

### 24.2 What do we call the change of the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus?

The change of the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is called transubstantiation, which means change of substance.

### 25.1 Is Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity entirely present under both the appearance of bread and the appearance of wine?

Yes, Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity are entirely present under both the appearance of bread and the appearance of wine.

### 26.1 How often must a Catholic take part in the Mass?

Catholics are obligated to take part in Mass every Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation.

### 26.2 How often must a Catholic receive the Holy Eucharist?

Catholics must receive the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season.

27.1 What is Viaticum?

Viaticum means “food for the journey” and it is the name for Holy Eucharist (Communion) which is given to someone who is dying.

28.1 Where in the church is the Holy Eucharist kept?

The Holy Eucharist is kept in the tabernacle in all Catholic Churches. The sanctuary lamp is kept burning near the tabernacle to remind us Jesus is truly present there.

28.2 What is Exposition?

Exposition is when Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is placed in a monstrance and set out for all to see and adore.

28.3 What is Benediction?

Benediction is when the priest raises the monstrance with Jesus in it and blesses the people.

29.1 What is death?

Death is the end of man’s earthly life, at which time the soul and body are separated.

29.2 What is the particular judgment?

The particular judgment is the judgment by Jesus of each person at the end of their life. Each person is judged on the good and evil they have done through thoughts, words, and deeds. Each person will also be judged on the things they should have done, but chose not to do.

30.1 What is Purgatory?

Purgatory is a time, after death, of cleansing souls of venial sins and preparing them to go to Heaven. Purgatory is temporary.

30.2 What is Hell?

Hell is eternal suffering of separation from God. People who choose to reject God in this life, spend forever in Hell.

30.3 What is Heaven?

Heaven is eternal life and happiness with God; it lasts forever.

30.4 What three groups make up the one Church?

- a. The Church Triumphant: those souls in Heaven (saints)
- b. The Church Suffering: those souls in Purgatory
- c. The Church Militant: the faithful followers on earth

31.1 What is the Second Coming?

The Second Coming is when Jesus returns to earth to judge the living and the dead.

31.2 What is the general judgment?

The general judgment or Last Judgment takes place at the end of the world when Jesus returns to judge all people, living and dead.

31.3 What does “resurrection of the body” mean?

“Resurrection of the body” means that our body and soul are reunited in order to enter eternal life, either in reward or in punishment.

## **Prayers and Lists**

### **1. The Sign of the Cross**

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

### **2. Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### **3. The Guardian Angel Prayer**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

### **4. 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.

### **5. The Lord’s Prayer (Our Father)**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy 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.

**6. An Act of Contrition**

O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishments, but most of all, because they offend Thee my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

**7. The Prayer of Fatima**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

**8. Prayer to Saint Michael**

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**9. Grace before meals**

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**10. Grace after meals**

We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

**11. Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, most holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

**12. Morning Offering**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings  
of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,  
in reparation for my sins,  
for the intentions of all my associates,  
and in particular for those recommended by the Holy Father  
this month. Amen

**13. Name the Ten Commandments (in order)**

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have other gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not lie.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

**14. Name the Seven Sacraments**

- a. Baptism
- b. Penance
- c. Holy Eucharist
- d. Confirmation
- e. Marriage
- f. Holy Orders
- g. Anointing of the Sick

**15. Name the three Theological Virtues**

The three Theological Virtues are Faith, Hope and Charity.

**16. Name the four Cardinal Virtues.**

The four Cardinal Virtues are Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance.

**17. List the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States in order of the Liturgical Year.**

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**18. The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**19. Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me;

Within Thy wounds hide me;

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;

From the malignant enemy defend me;

In the hour of my death call me,

And bid me come to Thee,

That with thy Saints I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

**20. The Twelve Apostles**

Simon Peter, Andrew, James the Greater, John, Thomas, James the Lesser, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, Thaddeus and Judas

## **21. Mysteries of the Rosary**

**Joyful Mysteries:** The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation in the Temple, The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple after searching for three days

**Sorrowful Mysteries:** The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning with Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross, The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

**Glorious Mysteries:** The Resurrection, The Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, The Assumption of Mary, The Crowning of the Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth

**Luminous Mysteries:** The Baptism at the Jordan, The Miracle at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (and call to conversion), The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Holy Eucharist (at the Last Supper)

## **22. List the Seven Deadly Sins**

1. Pride (an exaggerated opinion of oneself)
2. Avarice/Greed (uncontrolled desire for earthly things, such as money, clothes, etc.)
3. Envy (unhappiness or discontent over the good fortune or success of others)
4. Wrath/Anger (an uncontrolled feeling of displeasure and antagonism)
5. Lust (an uncontrolled desire for sexual pleasure)
6. Gluttony (an uncontrolled use of food and drink)
7. Sloth (laziness or carelessness in doing right and practicing virtue because of the work and effort needed to do so)

## **23. List the Beatitudes**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
9. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven.



#### **24. Prayer Before a Crucifix**

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said of You, my Jesus:

"They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."  
Amen.

**Please see next page for lists of the Books of the Old Testament and New Testament**

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## The Books of the Old Testament

### **THE PENTATEUCH**

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

### **BIBLICAL NOVELLAS**

Tobit  
Judith  
Esther  
1 Maccabees  
2 Maccabees

### **PROPHETIC BOOKS**

Isiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Baruch  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

### **HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION**

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah

### **WISDOM BOOKS**

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon  
Wisdom  
Sirach

## The Books of the New Testament

### **THE GOSPELS**

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts of the Apostles

### **LETTERS**

Romans  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians  
1 Timothy  
2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon  
Hebrews

### **CATHOLIC LETTERS**

James  
1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
Jude  
Revelation

