

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 27; The Creed

“I believe in one God...” We all likely recognize these words as the beginning of the Creed which we say together after the homily. Besides needing to stand up and stretch our legs after the homily, why do we have the Creed?

What is the Creed?

According to the glossary of our Catechism, a creed is “a brief, normative summary statement or profession of Christian faith, e.g., the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed. The word ‘Creed’ comes from the Latin Credo, meaning ‘I believe,’ with which the Creed begins” (CCC, Glossary, s.v. “Creed”). As we will see, a creed is a collection of core truths in which we believe. As the Catechism teaches, there have been many professions of faith that have come from Church Councils or from certain individuals. “None of the creeds from the different stages in the Church’s life can be considered superseded or irrelevant. They help us today to attain and deepen the faith of all times by means of the different summaries made of it” (CCC, no. 193). The Catechism continues that two creeds have a special place in the Church’s life: the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed. “The Apostles’ Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles’ faith” (CCC, no. 194). “The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day” (CCC, no. 195). Although either the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed can be used in the Mass, many of us probably most often hear the Nicene Creed being used.

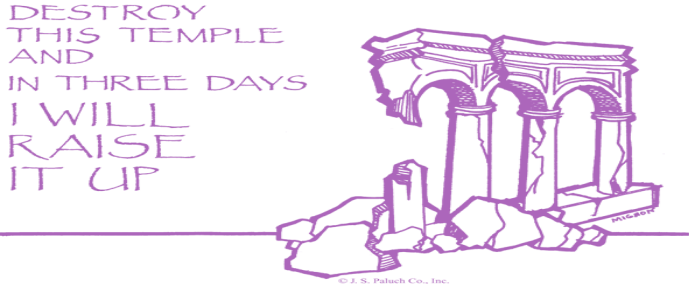
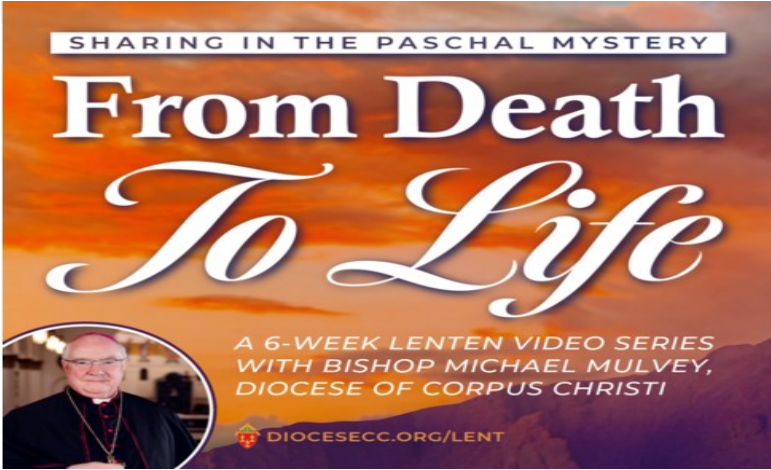
A Statement of Faith and Renewal of Belief

How did the Creed enter the Mass? As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, “The Creed, or Profession of Faith, stems from the Ancient Church. This statement of belief was not originally written to be recited at Mass; it was rather intended as a prerequisite ‘contract’ for adult baptism. One would profess these essential truths of the faith before being admitted into the Church through baptism. Eventually, the Creed would be inserted into the Mass as it is today” (A Study of the Mass, p. 9). Fr. Guy Oury says, “The Fathers of the Church recommended that Christians recite [the Creed] daily, morning and evening, as a renewal of their faith and safeguard against doctrinal error” (The Mass, p. 71). How many of you say the Creed when you get out of bed each morning?! Jokes aside, the Fathers of the Church were really on to something here. Because the Creed is a great summary of the truths of the Faith, especially the Holy Trinity (more on that to come), knowing the Creed is a wonderful way to know some of the basics of the faith and to keep them fresh in our minds and hearts.

For Reflection:

- 1. Per Father Luke’s advice, consider beginning and/or ending your day by reciting the Creed prayerfully.
- 2. Consider gathering with others to study the Creed, using the Catechism or another resource. One option is to study one line of the Creed each week in preparation for participation in Mass on Sunday.

This article was written by: Fr. Luke Spannagel and posted on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog website.



CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Reread the first reading from Exodus. Identify one commandment you struggle upholding and make a genuine effort to keep that commandment this week.

Baptisms: By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Reconciliation Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	Marriage By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Quincerañeras Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anointing of the Sick Anytime; contact the parish office	Communion to the Sick / Homebound <i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office
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Third Sunday of Lent


March 3, 2024




Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



Rev. Andrew Hejdak <i>Pastor</i> David D. Solis Jr. <i>davids@iccgregory.org</i> <i>Administrative Asst.</i> John Womack & Co. <i>Bookkeeper</i> OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:30pm FAITH FORMATION Noreen Saenz <i>reoffice@iccgregory.org</i> <i>Director of Religious Ed.</i> David D. Solis Jr. <i>Asst. Director of Religious Ed.</i> Belen P. Moreno <i>Asst. Director of Religious Ed.</i> Religious Ed. Office Hours Wednesdays 4:30 - 8:45pm	WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Daily 3:00 pm Chapel ST. JUDE NOVENA Tuesdays 6:00 pm BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español) Thursdays 7:00PM (English) R.E. building LA HORA DE DIOS PRAYER GROUP Fridays 6:00 pm Church NEW TO THE PARISH? Interested in registering with us? Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish. If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin MASS INTENTIONS <i>ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office. For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday. Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.</i>	PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT Mike Lopez 438.9054 FINANCE COMMITTEE Javier Solis 229.4653 SACRISTANS Jesse Gomez 229.0102 Juan Rodriguez 229.5515 Raymond Flores 215.3542 CHOIR COORDINATOR Naida Rios 774.3778 COMMUNION MINISTERS Jesus Garza 704-2269 ALTAR SERVERS David D. Solis Jr. 643.4505 ALTAR SOCIETY Nena Garcia 774.2604 LECTORS Jesus Garza 704-2269 USHERS Ramiro Peña 222-8857 BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE Aurora Leal 229.6956 BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY Sylvia Gomez 228.0822 DIVINE MERCY APOSTLES Sonya Torres 730.6165 HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY Diana Moreno 765.7696 Adriana Bernardo 543.7642 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY Nydia Tamez 688.0333 PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP Jeronimo Garcia 704.2136 SACRED HEART SOCIETY Amelia Flores 443.9811 ST. JUDE NOVENA Jerry & Ofelia Rivera 876.7147
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Jesus said
“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”
John 2:19

Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY March 2, 2024
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)
Special Intentions for Henry Thiagaraj (Emrich Family)

SUNDAY March 3, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Oralia Cavazos (Family)
†Martha Perales (Family)
†Cora Hernandez (Marcos & Elsa Ortiz)
†Rebecca Rodriguez Vargas (Rodriguez Family)
Special Intentions for CTS David (Emrich Family)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)
Special Intentions for Nora Dishman (Elena Villarreal)
Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

TUESDAY March 5, 2024
5:30PM: Special Intentions for Bryan Hartnett
†Samantha Jessica McDonald (Gladys McDonald)

WEDNESDAY March 6, 2024
8:30AM: †James DiGioacchino (Ester DiGioacchino)

THURSDAY March 7, 2024
8:30AM: Special Intentions for Hephzibah Amaran (Emrich Family)

FRIDAY March 8, 2024
7:00PM: Special Intentions for John and Brenda Martinez

SATURDAY March 9, 2024
5:30PM: †Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Angie Dippel (Rose De La Cruz)
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Gudalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAY March 10, 2024
8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Luisa Marcareno Martinez (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Martha Perales (Family)
Special Intentions for CTS David (Emrich Family)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)
Special Intentions for Nora Dishman (Elena Villarreal)
Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't forget to change your clocks next weekend.

SPRING FORWARD!!!

Set Clocks Ahead




WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,436.00
Loose Collection	\$1,033.00
Easter Flowers Envelopes	\$60.00
Children's Collection	\$20.00
Online Giving	\$380.00
Collection Total - February 24/25	\$2,929.00

Special Collections for the Month of March

2/3 - Building Fund

9/10 - Catholic Relief Services

29 (Good Friday) - Holy Land Collection



† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Valerie Aleman,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	Johnny Pereida,
Guadalupe G Alvarado,	Jorge Hernandez,	Elva Rivera,
Victoria Arredondo,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,
Paula Avila,	Mr. Kalich	Julia Rodriguez,
Rosa Barrera,	Jerry Lopez Sr.,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Estevan Cantu Jr.,	Raul Lucio,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Elisa Claudio,	Teresa Lucio,	San Juanita Saenz,
Johnny Cruz,	Jose Antonio Lopez Jr,	Bernice Sanchez,
Sandra Davila,	Jaime Jimenez,	Adan Salazar,
Dominic DeLeon,	Margie Medina	Armando Salazar,
Nora Dishman,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Gracie Salazar,
Yvonne Ellison,	Alejandro Mora,	Stephanie Salazar,
Adela Escobedo,	Anastacio Mora,	Raymond Smith,
Adan Flores Jr.	Noemilio Mora,	B Solis,
Aurora Flores,	Augustin Moreno III,	Dora Tagle,
Chris Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Gloria Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Carmen Ortiz,	Joe Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Yvonne Ortiz,	Sara Treviño,
Juanita Flores,	Anita Peña,	Ramona Vasquez,
Jesus Garza Jr.,	Emilio Peña Sr.,	Alex Zambrano Sr.,
Xavier A. Gallegos,	Luis Peña Jr.,	Alex Zambrano Jr.,
Violet Guerrero,	Ramiro Peña,	Gerri Zambrano

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Mar. 9 Sun. Mar. 10	Lector Lectors	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM		Juan
8:00AM	Elisa	Pedro
10:00AM	Jenevieve	Raymond
12:00PM		Alma

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the Lord is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua & Felicity
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: St. John of God
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE


Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Emilio & Karla Peña
Janie Ortiz

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



SANTIFICA EL SÁBADO

No hay mejor forma de profundizar nuestras devociones de Cuaresma que repasar los Diez Mandamientos. Los primeros tres, los cuales se refieren a una buena relación con Dios, son más extensos. Quizás el que más nos cueste a nosotros, que siempre estamos tan ocupados, es santificar las fiestas refiriéndose al día del Señor.

Si tomáramos este mandamiento literalmente, no cambiaríamos a los bebés, los platos quedarían en la mesa y quizás ni siquiera serviríamos las comidas. Los enfermos no serían atendidos y no se haría nada que estuviera relacionado con el trabajo físico. ¿Se considera trabajo al trabajo mental? ¿Y qué hay de cambiarle el pañal al bebé (¡pobrecito!)?

Debemos depender de Dios para discernir de qué manera debemos respetar y santificar el día del Señor en nuestras vidas. La clave de este mandamiento es que Dios nos ha dado un gran regalo: un día entero por semana en el cual somos libres para descansar, rendirle culto a Dios, cantar, celebrar, amar y alegrarnos. Como proclama el Salmo 19 (18): "Los mandatos del Señor son rectos y alegran el corazón" (19 [18]:8). Nuestro descanso del domingo es un gran regalo que debemos recibir de Dios con alegría, no poniendo peros.

BAPTISMAL CLASS


We will be having our next baptismal class here on **Thursday, March 11th at 7pm.**

To attend the class you must register at the parish office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS


During the Season of Lent, all are invited to join for the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm immediately followed by Daily Mass at 7:00pm Join us as we make our "Way of the Cross" every Friday of Lent in the Church.

Stations of the Cross




EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes are located in the entrance of the Church for Easter Flowers. This is a great way to remember a loved on during the Easter Season.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

We will be having our Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm. Several Priests will be here for confessions.



ABOUT NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.