

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 28; The Creed as a Profession of Faith

What does the word Creed mean? According to Fr. Guy Oury, “A Latin word for the Creed is symbolum. Its first meaning is that of a sign, a mark of recognition by which an envoy is accredited or strangers know each other as belonging to the same group. The ‘symbol’ of faith identifies Christians. People who are not Christian cannot profess it without a lie on their part” (The Mass, p. 71). In addition to being a sign of our unity, the Creed also is a summary of core doctrines we believe in and an important part of the Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, “The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily and that they may also honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith by pronouncing the rule of faith in a formula approved for liturgical use and before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist begins” (GIRM, no. 67). In summary, Charles Belmonte says, “The symbol or Creed expresses our response and assent to what we have just heard in the readings and in the homily” (Understanding the Mass, p. 99). Having heard the truths of the Faith in the Liturgy of the Word, now we profess them in the Creed.

Stand and Profess

Why do we stand up to profess our Faith? As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “Through the Creed, we as a community of believers stand and profess, in precise terms, the foundations of our faith. We stand for the Creed because of its importance in our Church and in our lives. Of important note is another gesture the Church asks of us as we profess the Creed. As we say ‘[and by] the Holy Spirit [was incarnate] of the Virgin Mary and became man,’ we are to bow in adoration of the Incarnation and birth of our Lord. Interestingly, on those respective solemnities (Annunciation and Christmas) we are to retain the ancient custom of genuflecting during those lines” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 10). As we have reviewed previously, each of the gestures and postures within the liturgy has a meaning and can help us pray more deeply. Throughout the Mass, we stand together for the principal prayers. In a very practical way, standing is another way of giving our assent, as when a crowd stands in applause. Standing adds an additional fervor to the recognition. In a similar way, standing to pray together adds an element of strength to the words we proclaim. Bowing while we recall the Incarnation acknowledges in a humble way how much we honor that significant moment in world history. Genuflecting on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and Christmas adds even more solemn praise to the joy of that moment, reflecting our adoration of our Lord who took on a human nature, becoming man for our sake.

As we profess our faith together, we are joined in a unity that began at our Baptism. “As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the ‘standard teaching,’ let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Credo with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe” (CCC, no. 197). The Catechism quotes St. Ambrose: “‘The Creed is the spiritual seal, our hearts’ meditation and ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul’” (CCC, no. 197).

Reflecting upon St. Ambrose’s words recalls for me the amazing gift we have been given through our Baptism, being invited into the very life of God. That is definitely worth standing up and professing together!

For Reflection:

1. Consider your posture(s) during various forms of prayer. What prompts you to stand in respect and fervor? What leads you to bow your hand in awe and wonder? Pay attention to praying with your whole self, including your bodily posture.
2. The next time you pray the Creed alone, call to mind your unity with all Christians who profess this faith.

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

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Read John 3:16. Come back to this verse any time you begin to doubt God’s plan or timing. Let it serve as a reminder of God’s infinite love and perfect plan for your life.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

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

Jesus & Angela Garza
Lady Arias

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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Fourth Sunday of
Lent

March 10, 2024





Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi




For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.
John 3:16

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Mass Intentions
For The Week



SATURDAY March 9, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Ester Rangel (Danny Rangel)
†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)
†Angie Dippel (Rose De La Cruz)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)
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)
†Ernesto Hinojosa Sr. & †Rafaela Peña
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 12 , 2024

5:30PM: Special Intentions for Joshua Martinez

WEDNESDAY March 13, 2024

8:30AM: †James DiGioacchino (Ester DiGioacchino)

THURSDAY March 14, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for John David and Veronica Martinez

FRIDAY March 15, 2024

7:00PM: †Lelia Guzman (Family)

SATURDAY March 16, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Johnnie Bill (Rose De La Cruz)
†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)
†Ana Rodriguez (Family)
†John & Otilia Schicker (Family)
†Benito & †Ynocencia Moreno (Lupe & Dora)
†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

SUNDAY March 17, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Sesilia Erminia Acosta Vasquez (Family)
†Juan Manuel Lozano (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Ezequiel Rodriguez, †Rebecca Rodriguez Vargas (Family)
†Ernest, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)
†Adrian Ramirez, †Ricky Perez, †Amelia Escobedo (Family)
†Francisca Flores, †Concepcion Rodriguez, †Guadalupe Rodriguez (Flores Family)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)
†Adrian G. Flores (Family)
†Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)
†Lelia Guzman (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$1,917.00
Loose Collection	\$771.00
Easter Flowers Envelopes	\$60.00
Children’s Collection	\$24.00
Online Giving	\$270.00
Collection Total - March 2/3	\$3,042.00


Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.

May God bless you now and forever.

Special Collections for the Month of March

9/10 - Catholic Relief Services

29 (Good Friday) - Holy Land Collection



Special Offering


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

Sat. Mar. 16 Sun. Mar. 17	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	David	Louis
8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo
10:00AM	Brenda	Ophelia A
12:00PM	Alma	Lupe A.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God’s laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, may-hem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday:
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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.



BAPTISMAL CLASS

We will be having our next baptismal class here on Thursday, March 14th at 7pm. To attend the class you must register at the parish office.



RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 26th - Holy Tuesday
Chrism Mass at Corpus Christi Cathedral 6:30PM
No 5:30PM Daily Mass at Parish

Wednesday, March 27th - Holy Wednesday
Daily Mass –8:30AM
Penance Service - 7:00PM

Thursday, March 28th - Holy Thursday—NO 8:30AM Mass
Mass of the Lord’s Supper –7:00PM
Eucharistic Adoration - 8PM - 12AM

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday
Divine Mercy Chaplet (Novena day 1) - 3PM
Stations of the Cross - 3:30PM
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Distribution of Holy Communion - 6:00PM
Eucharistic Adoration til 11PM

Saturday, March 30th - Holy Saturday
Divine Mercy Chaplet (Novena day 2) -3pm
Blessing of the Food - 3:30PM
Easter Vigil Mass - 8PM (NO 5:30PM Mass)

Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Regular Sunday Schedule 9AM (Spanish); 11AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet (Novena day 3) - 3pm

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

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.

