

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 29; The Creed as a Statement of Faith in the Trinity

Having considered the Creed in general, let’s take a closer look at the contents of this statement of our Faith. As we look through the phrases, the Creed is very clearly laying out the main truths about the Holy Trinity, our belief in One God in Three Persons. As our current Catechism quotes from the Roman Catechism (or the Catechism of the Council of Trent), explaining “The Creed is divided into three parts: ‘the first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification” (CCC, no. 190).

The Three Parts of the Creed

Charles Belmonte expands this introduction to the three parts of the Creed:

- A confession of faith in God, the Father, our Creator, maker of heaven and earth, of all [things visible and invisible].
- A confession of faith in Christ, our Lord. He is God, who by the power of the Spirit became incarnate [of] the Virgin Mary and was made man. Then we focus on Christ’s Passion and Death on the Cross; his Resurrection, Ascension, and participation in the judgment to reign forever, as it was announced by the angel to the Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:33).
- A confession of faith in the means of salvation, supplied by God, the Holy Spirit, the giver of supernatural life. We declare how he works through the Church (Understanding the Mass, p. 100-101).

Continuing through the last part of the Creed, Belmonte writes, “[I] believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. [The word] catholic means ‘universal’—a reminder that the Church exists throughout the world and embraces the entire revelation of God... The Church is apostolic because she traces her origins back to Christ through the apostles and always teaches the message the apostles received from him” (Understanding the Mass, p. 101). The Church is one and holy because it is founded by Christ and led by the Holy Spirit toward the unity and holiness that Jesus calls all Christians to live. We call this list the Four Marks of the Church. These characteristics are like landmarks or distinguishing features that help us to know the one true Church of Jesus.

Words to Speak... and Believe

As we go through each phrase, we are reviewing the truths we believe in, and we are also invited into a reflection on the ways that God has made himself known to us. We recall the steps of salvation history and the moment when God dwells among us. We remember the ultimate gift of God’s love and the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps unite us and strengthen us for life in that love. As Belmonte concludes:

“The Creed is none other than the marvelous history of God’s love for us... In these times of doctrinal confusion, we should be careful not to compromise the content of our faith, not even in small things... It is worthwhile, above all, to decide to take our Christian life seriously. When we recite the Creed, we state that we believe in God the Father Almighty, in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. We affirm that the Church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is the body of Christ enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in the forgiveness of sins and in the hope of the resurrection. But do those words penetrate to the depths of our own heart? Or do they remain only on our lips?” (Understanding the Mass, p. 102).

We say the Creed often, and many of us can likely follow along without even really thinking about the words. But wouldn’t it be fruitful to truly ask ourselves what we are saying? What truths are we proclaiming together? What do we mean when we say those words?

For Reflection:

1. Take time to reflect on each of the four marks of the Church (one, holy, catholic, apostolic), using the Catechism or another resource. Consider how you experience the unity, holiness, universality, and living tradition of the Church in your own life.
2. In your reflection on the Creed, which line(s) or phrase(s) most stand out to you? Pray with these sections and invite the Holy Spirit to lead you to deeper understanding of the mysteries of our Faith.

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

Baptisms: By Appointment only Contact Parish office	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	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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Fifth Sunday of
Lent

March 17, 2024



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WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY (Vigil) 5:30PM
SUNDAY (en Español) 8:00AM
10:00AM & 12:00PM
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday (en Español) 5:30PM
Wednesday –Thursday 8:30AM
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
Stations of the Cross 6:30PM
Friday Daily Mass 7:00PM

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
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.

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Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

Mass Intentions

For The Week



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)
†Cora Hernandez, †Martha Perales,
†Benito & †Ynocencia Moreno (Lupe & Dora)
†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)
†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)
†Martha Perales (Perales 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)
†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)
Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

TUESDAY

March 19 , 2024

5:30PM: †Guadalupe Moreno (birthday) (Rudy Moreno & Family)

WEDNESDAY

March 20, 2024

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

THURSDAY

March 21, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Ana Anaya

FRIDAY

March 22, 2024

7:00PM: Special Intentions for Linda Anaya

SATURDAY

March 23, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)
†Sylvia Chavez (Ramiro Chavez)
†Alvaro Lopez Sr. (Juan & Rosario Cantu)
†Diana Schicker (Family)
†Nicanora Valdez (Daughters)
†Pedro O Solis (Family)
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)
†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)
Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary (Crawley/Martinez Family)

SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)
†Cesilia Herminia Acosta Vasquez (Family)
†Rosa Maria Castro Perez,†Jose Angel Castro Perez (Family)
10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)
†Eddie Perez (Family)
†Cora Hernandez (Family)


WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$1,502.00
Loose Collection	\$3,418.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Children’s Collection	\$3.00
Online Giving	\$190.00
Collection Total - March 9/10	\$5,123.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$460.00

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

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. 23 Sun. Mar. 24	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	David, Chelo	Juan
8:00AM	Armando, Elisa	Carmen
10:00AM	Brenda, David	Cynthia G
12:00PM	David,	Lupe A

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

SAVED BY GOD’S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

SALVADOS POR EL AMOR DE DIOS

Después de que los israelitas quebrantaron la antigua alianza, Dios prometió una nueva alianza, no con la sangre de bueyes y otros animales sino con la sangre del Hijo, Jesucristo. Esta nueva alianza, que Jeremías y los profetas habían anticipado, no sería grabada en piedra ni escrita en papel, sino que se escribiría en el corazón, para que pudiéramos conocer a Dios íntimamente. La salvación no está en obedecer muchos preceptos, sino en el amor de Dios, que está vivo y es real en nuestro corazón gracias al sacrificio de Cristo.

Nuestra Eucaristía es la promesa del Cristo que vive dentro nuestro y de nuestra respuesta de alabanza y agradecimiento a Dios por su misericordia, amor y bondad al perdonar nuestros pecados y limpiarnos el corazón de todo mal. Dios extiende esta invitación a la intimidad al ofrecernos la oportunidad de que nuestro sufrimiento se transforme en el amor perfecto del Salvador, que siempre nos amó.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Dn 13: 1-9,15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13-41c; Ps 23: 1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

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



Stations of the Cross

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.



TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

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

Claudia Valderrama
Paula Avila

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

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

As you experience suffering this week, offer it as a sacrifice for someone else’s sake. Set aside time in the midst of your suffering to be in the presence of the Lord. If possible, spend this time at your parish chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament .

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.

