

The Church

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Questions?

The Path to Here

What Are The Kids Doing?

- Unit 1: Believing: The Profession of Faith
 - *God Calls Us To Know and Love Him*
 - *I Believe in God the Father*
 - *I Believe in Jesus Christ*
 - *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*
 - **Our Holy Catholic Church — that's today!**

The Path from Here

Where Are The Kids Going?

- Unit 1: Believing: The Profession of Faith
 - [Next Week: All Saints / All Souls — out of sequence]
 - Nov 5: “Everlasting Life with God”
- Unit 2: Celebrating: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
 - Nov 12 to Christmas Break: Liturgical Calendar, Mass, Advent, Baptism, Confirmation, Mary (part of Unit 1, but fits in nicely with Advent!)
 - After Christmas: Eucharist, Healing & Vocation Sacraments

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- Unit 3: Living: Life in Christ
 - Starting in late January through Easter
- Unit 4: Praying: Christian Prayer
 - Easter through end of semester.

The Creed

What Do We Believe?

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Apostles' Creed

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Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

What Is Church Anyhow?

“Church” in English eventually comes to us from a Greek word (kyriake) meaning “of the Lord”.

“Ecclesia”, Latin, comes from the Greek ἐκκαλέω “call out of”. “Ekklesia” used in the Greek OT for assembly of the Chosen before God.

What Is Church Anyhow?

Christians claimed ekklesia—ecclesia—church as heirs to the Old Testament assembly of the Chosen.

Church is:

1. The liturgical assembly.
2. The local community.
3. Whole universal community of believers.

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The Four Marks

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

The Church is One.

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I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

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The Church is Holy.

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The Church is Catholic.

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The Church is Apostolic.

We Are Made For Church

Just as God's will is creation and is called "the world", so his intention is the salvation of humanity, and it is called "the Church".

- Clement of Alexandria, *Paedagogus* ("Instructor"), c. 198 AD

Credo of the People of God

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, built by Jesus Christ on that rock which is Peter.

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She is the Mystical Body of Christ; at the same time a visible society instituted with hierarchical organs, and a spiritual community; the Church on earth, the pilgrim People of God here below, and the Church filled with heavenly blessings;

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the germ and the first fruits of the Kingdom of God, through which the work and the sufferings of Redemption are continued throughout human history, and which looks for its perfect accomplishment beyond time in glory.

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In the course of time, the Lord Jesus forms His Church by means of the sacraments emanating from His plenitude. By these she makes her members participants in the Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ, in the grace of the Holy Spirit who gives her life and movement.

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She is therefore holy, though she has sinners in her bosom, because she herself has no other life but that of grace: it is by living by her life that her members are sanctified; it is by removing themselves from her life that they fall into sins and disorders that prevent the radiation of her sanctity.

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This is why she suffers and does penance for these offenses, of which she has the power to heal her children through the blood of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.