

Class Subject for Fr. Stephen's Next Class

CLASS FOUR: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 7:30—9:00 p.m.
Parish Meeting Room in the Parish Center

Class Subject: Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” and “Who do you say I am?” (Matthew 16:13). In this class we will examine the Church’s teaching regarding Jesus Christ (see Part One, Section Two, Chapter Three of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

What is the essential teaching of the Church about Jesus? How do we profess our faith in Jesus? We call the essential teaching about Jesus the “**Kerygma**.” Pope Francis strongly emphasized the importance of the Kerygma as the center of all evangelization and work of renewal, formulating it as “**Jesus loves us, died for us, is alive and near us,**” extolling it as the wisest and truest proclamation, and stating that “all Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into the Kerygma.” The person and mission of Jesus were discussed and argued about for three centuries until the Council of Nicaea in 325.

The Nicene Creed formulated by this Council, the first of the 21 ecumenical councils, is the one we commonly profess today. **Pope Leo XIV will make an Apostolic Journey to Türkiye (formerly Turkey) on November 27-30 to celebrate the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea with a pilgrimage to the city of Iznik, known to history as Nicaea. Find out why this is important!**

