## **Everyone**

## **The Liturgy of the Word ends with “the Apostles’ Creed” or “Nicene Creed” and the Prayers of the Faithful:**

## **The Nicene Creed Origin:**

Around 300 A.D. furious debate broke out among Christians, with serious consequences: The cities of the Roman Empire were disturbed by riots and pitched battles between opposing sides;

**The early ecumenical councils**:

To quell the turmoil, Emperor Constantine called all the bishops of the world to meet in Nicaea, across the straits from his new capital, Constantinople. In A.D. 325, the first worldwide (ecumenical) council in the Church’s history took place. Presided over by two papal legates (the pope himself remained in Rome), the assembled fathers heard from Arius but later condemned his ideas. (They also condemned Docetism as a heresy.)

The Council of Nicaea helped to repair a Christian world riven (split or torn apart) over a single but crucial Greek letter that separated doctrinal truth from heresy: Was the Son of the same substance (*homoousios*) to the Father, or of a similar substance (*homoiousios*)? We hear that truth — *homoousios —* repeated once more today in the revised language of the Creed, that Jesus is “consubstantial” with the Father.

In the end, the members of the council drafted a profession of faith in which they affirmed the Church’s belief that Jesus was truly God made man, eternally begotten of the Father and born from the Virgin Mary. The council’s creed stated unequivocally that the Son was of the same substance (*homoousios*) as the Father.

This profession began with the words *we believe*, or in Latin, *credimus*, from which we derive our English word *creed*. Thus, this statement from Nicaea is today called the Nicene Creed.

Though the Creed we recite today is essentially the same as centuries ago, it has undergone a few modifications. Originally, the Creed concluded simply “and we believe in the Holy Spirit.” The Church’s definitive statement about the divinity and co-equality of the Third Person of the Trinity would not be added until the next ecumenical council at Constantinople in A.D. 381. (Thus, the Creed we pray at Mass is technically named the “Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.”)

At Constantinople, the council fathers added to the Creed that the Spirit is “the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.” You may notice that this differs from what the Creed states today: that the Spirit proceeds from the Father “and the Son.” How did this addition come about?

While the Church fathers clearly followed Scripture in identifying the Spirit as “the Spirit of Christ,” the way they expressed the nature of the relation between the persons of the Trinity differed. The Greek fathers, such as St. Athanasius and the Cappadocian fathers (St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzus, and St. Gregory of Nyssa), preferred to say that the Spirit proceeds from the Father *through*the Son. The Latin fathers and writers (Tertullian, St. Hilary of Poitiers, and St. Augustine) tended to say that the Spirit proceeded from the Father *and* the Son (in Latin, *filioque*).

In the West, the *filioque* was added to the Creed gradually between the eighth and 11th centuries. The Eastern Churches took exception to this, saying that the Creed should not be changed without the approval of another ecumenical council. The issue remains a point of disagreement between the East and West

**The essence of our faith:**

The Nicene Creed is one of the Catholic Church’s most foundational statements of faith and summary of orthodox belief. It expresses the deepest of mysteries, the Holy Trinity.

Some have asked why, if the Creed is so central, it does not say anything about the Eucharist, which the Church says is the “source and summit” of our faith? There are a couple of ways to respond.

**First, while the Eucharist is essential, the *Catechism* teaches that the Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. Reception of the Eucharist brings us into communion with the Trinity.**

**Second, creeds and other statements of faith are written in response to particular challenges of the moment, and in the early fourth century, no one was seriously denying the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is not contained in the Creed precisely because it was uncontroversial!**

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The Creed communicates the essence of our faith. Its formation was fueled by the love of God, despite periods of debate.

**The next time you pray the Creed during Mass, imagine faithful Catholics doing battle over an article of faith. Imagine 300 bishops arrayed in the great hall of a Byzantine palace. Imagine the Creed being chanted in Latin and Greek in basilicas and cathedrals for centuries. Imagine the gift of the Trinity that we profess. Maybe it won’t seem so monotonous then!**

**FATHER DEREK UPDATE:**

**Jay, I am now out of hospital and recuperating.**

**I had great care in the hospital and they treated the sepsis (the body’s extreme response to an infection), and heart failure. All is well Thank God.**

**As a result of your kindness, I received a number of get well wishes from old friends and acquaintances. May I sincerely express my sincere thanks to you and I have tried to reply to any get well wishes I received. It was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and happy memories. I am so grateful to you and please express my enormous gratitude to all for their prayers and good wishes.**

**Derek**[**derekdublin@gmail.com**](mailto:derekdublin@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**Next luncheon is in September. Date TBD.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution is, Thursday, August 3rd at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 19,600 pounds of food.**
  + **Our family count is 24. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
  + **We need volunteers to assist with this program. See Jay or Cindy, if you wish to help us.**
    - **1 hour each month on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30.**

### **JULY 30th, 2023**

### **Themes for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

### The readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time are about the wisdom of God which is very different from the wisdom of the world.

### The first reading recalls how Solomon requested the gift of understanding instead of material goods or power.

### The psalm reminds us that God’s commands are more precious than gold.

### The second reading tells us to work for God’s purpose.

### And in the gospel Jesus gives us more parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price, and treasures new and old..

### **Mass Readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

* **First Reading** – [1 Kings 3:5, 7-12](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=29&rp=2840): God offers to grant Solomon a wish. Recognizing his youth and the enormity of his task, Solomon asks for an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong. God grants him unrivaled wisdom.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 119](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=30&rp=2840): Your words are my treasure, O LORD, more precious than gold. Your kindness is my comfort, your laws my delight. I follow your decrees, they shed light and grant understanding.
* **Second Reading**– [Romans 8:28-30](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=31&rp=2840): All works for good for those loving God, called for His purpose. Called, justified, and glorified, they are shaped in His Son’s image, the firstborn among siblings.
* **Gospel**– [Matthew 13:44-52](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=32&rp=2840): Jesus shares three parables: the hidden treasure, the pearl of great value, and the net cast into the sea. He highlights the immense worth of the kingdom of heaven, prompting a person to joyfully give up everything to obtain it. Jesus explains that just as a net gathers fish of all kinds, there will be a separation of the righteous and the wicked at the end of the age. He concludes by saying that every scribe trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings forth both new and old treasures.

**Themes are leaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**AUGUST ACTIVITIES:**

* **August 3rd is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **August 9th is the next Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **August 12th is the next the K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **August: No Ladies Guild monthly luncheon.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For World Youth Day:  
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.**

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

**July 23rd  – Mass we had 100 people. Capacity is 185.**

**July 21st – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 56 people.**

**CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN AUGUST & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**JULY: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Becker had a birthday on July 2nd.**

**Peg Zannotti had a birthday on July 3rd.**

**Carl Hickey had a birthday July 5th.He will be 87 years old.**

**Kathy Ryan had a birthday on July 22nd.**

**MaryAnn Riley had a birthday on July 27th.**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller has a birthday on August 8th.**

**Diane Silvas has a birthday on August 12th.**

**Sister Phyllis has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Charlie Ara has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Jean LaBaugh has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Jack Gurr has a birthday on August 28th**

**Sister Geneva has a birthday on August 29th.**

**JULY: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Elise Junga, mother of Lee Junga, birthday in heaven was July 17th.**

**Donald Junga, father of Lee Junga, birthday in heaven was May 10th .**

**Arnold Capitanelli’s birthday in heaven is July 28th.**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**No names submitted.**

**JULY: HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Lou & Karen Latragna – July 19th.**

**AUGUST: HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Dave & Connie Bannon – August 17th**

**Bob & Joanne Dellovo – August 20th**

**Paul & Kathy Oliaro – August 23rd**

**JULY: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**John & Carol Evans would have celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on July 29th.**

**AUGUST: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Robert & Enedina Sutton would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 6th However, we did celebrate our 50th.**

**JULY REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Fred Ray, husband of Chris Ray, passed away on July 16th, 2017.**

**Bernice Hogan, Mother of Pat Hogan, passed away on July 17th, 2018.**

**Anthony Ray, son of the Chris Ray, passed away on July 30th, 2015.**

**Michael Brauntz, husband of Rosanne, passed away on July 6th.**

**Rosanne’s mother passed away on July 3rd.**

**AUGUST REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**No Names submitted.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you pray for special intentions at Sunday Mass. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please keep my nephew Nathaniel Palomino in your prayers.  He committed suicide on July 11, 2023. Jesse Schumaker**

**I want to pray for healing for too many of my loved ones (friends and family), who are struggling with cancer and other terminal illnesses, including but not limited to, Krissy, Mollie, Leroy, Cheryl, Roween, Mary-Jo, Tracy. Paulette Quaid**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo, Bob Karl & Carol Lee Evans.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**PAVER ORDERS:**

**Pavers can still be purchased. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. I have the tools to do the install myself now. Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours: 760-346-0089**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**AUGUST HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**We have done great this past year but remember this is an ongoing ANNUAL process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $11,250 per month or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $12,039. 8.9 % of annual budget.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections are: $12,039.** 
  + - * **July collections: $12,039.**
      * **August collections:**
      * **September collections:**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

**If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 15 years.**

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at**[**760-345-3754**](tel:760-345-3754)**. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Invented by NASA engineers, used on astronauts returning from space to rebuild muscle, bone and heal wounds “red light therapy” is now available. I am a new parishioner. Please call or email me: Rom Partyka 805-673-9235 or email at** [**rom1942@msn.com**](mailto:rom1942@msn.com) **for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Need a good Catholic housekeeper? Call Elvia Pantoja at 760 698 6050. 20 years’ experience in the Indian Wells & Palm Desert area. References provided upon request.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member

SHC & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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