

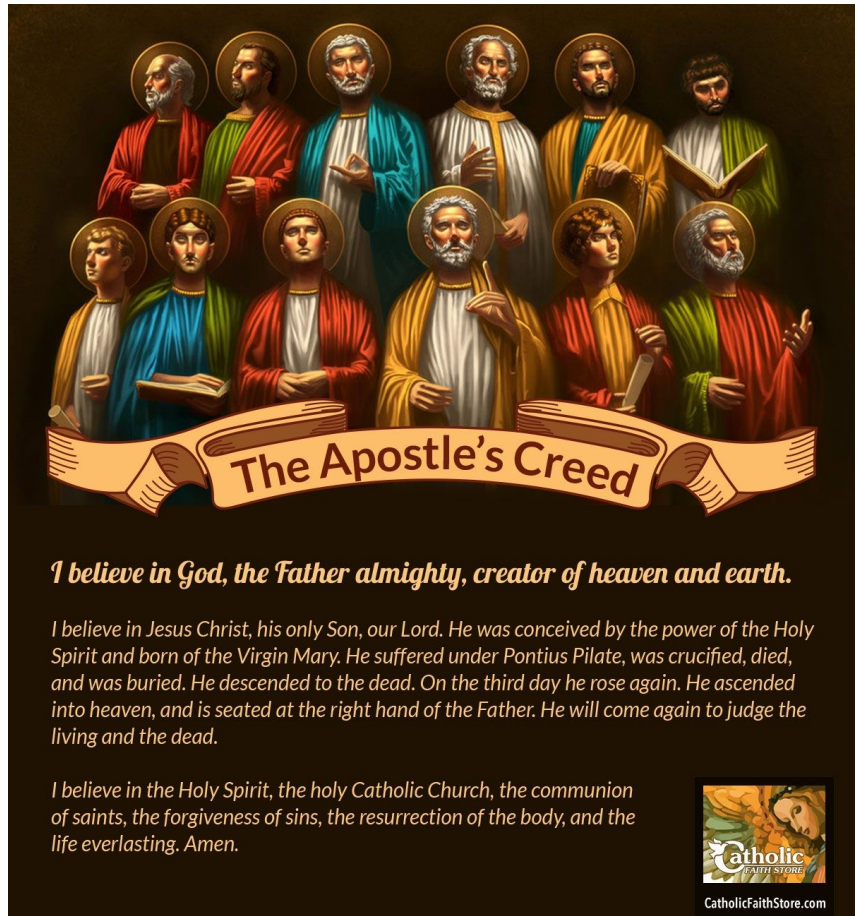
# The Liturgy of the Word

## Creed and Prayer of the Faithful

After we hear the Word of God and then hear the priest or deacon express his thoughts about what we have just heard, we profess our beliefs.

### 1. The Creed

is a prayer we say to express what we believe. We either say the Nicene Creed which more fully expresses our beliefs or the Apostles' Creed which is shorter. They both express our belief in the Trinity beginning with God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit. It continues with us believing in one Baptism to save us from sin, one Church, and our future with Christ returning and we will all rise from the dead.



### 3. The Prayer of the Faithful

is read by the lector or deacon. It is a list of short prayers or intercessions for the needs of the Church, the world, the poor, our community, people who are sick and those who have died. After each prayer and the reader says, "We pray to the Lord." All respond, "Lord, hear our prayer." After the prayers, the priest sends them to God with a special short prayer.

After hearing the Word of God, we have learned how to live the way that Christ has taught us. So in concluding what we have learned from the Word, we express our beliefs and ask God to hear our prayers. We prepare for the next part of Mass which is the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Both the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist prepares us to be better disciples of Christ, Jesus.

