



Catechesis Corner

"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God."
Pope Francis January 30, 2021

Statement of Faith

In order to reveal Himself and His plan the Father has spoken to us in human words.

Related Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church

Scripture	CCC
Luke 24:25-27; 44-45	102-103
Hebrews 1:1-3	105-107
Ephesians 1:3-10	109-114
2 Timothy 3:16-17	119
Hebrews 4:12	1100
John 20:30-31	1378
Psalms 119:105	125-127
2 Peter 1:19	131
Matthew 28:16-20	133
1 Corinthians 2:10-13	515
Titus 1:1-3	2653
2 Peter 1:20-21	2763
	2774

[Dei Verbum \(11, 12, 14-19, 21, 25\)](#)



Videos to Explore

[The Church and the Bible](#)

[The Word of God Sunday](#)

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[The Bible in 10 Minutes](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz

[Bible in a Year - Day 1](#)

Ascension / Fr. Mike Schmitz

[Thy Word - Psalm 119](#)

Ellie Holcomb

[You Are](#)

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Understanding the Symbols

The Nativity Scene

Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first nativity scene 800 years ago in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. He said to a friend, "I want to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by." [Catholic Company](#)

In December 2023, Pope Francis [said](#), "people passing one should remember Jesus' birth 2,000 years ago and be moved to silence and prayer in our often so hectic daily lives... Silence to be able to listen to what Jesus tells us from the unique 'cathedra' of the manger," he said. "Prayer to express grateful wonder, tenderness and perhaps the tears that the Nativity scene stirs in us." Visitors to our churches might be surprised to see our creches displayed through the Baptism of Lord, and the joyful singing of Christmas hymns long past the "world's" timeframe for the season.

The Year of Luke

On December 1, we began a new Liturgical Year. The Church uses a 3-year cycle (A, B, C) for the Sunday readings. We are now in Cycle C where the majority of the Gospel readings are taken from the evangelist Luke.

Saint Luke was not an apostle, or a disciple of Jesus nor was he Jewish. He was a Gentile convert, probably a Greek who wrote to Gentiles in the early 60's. He also wrote Acts of the Apostles and accompanied Saint Paul on some of his journeys. **Luke presents Jesus as the Great Physician, healer of bodies and souls** ([P. Kreeft](#)). Luke himself was a physician, and tradition says he was a painter.

Sunday of the Word of God

In September 2019, Pope Francis declared that going forward the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be the Sunday of the Word of God. This year it falls on January 26. In 2020 the [Pope said](#), "Dear brothers and sisters, let us make room inside ourselves for the word of God!... We will discover that God is close to us, that he dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters."

January's Devotion

[The](#)
[Most Holy Name](#)
[of Jesus](#)

Ite missa est - Go! You have been sent.