



Catechesis Corner

"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God."

Pope Francis January 30, 2021

Statement of Faith

God invites us into an intimacy with Himself far exceeding our natural capacity. By revelation, He raises us from a creature's knowledge of Him to the intimate, personal knowledge of the Father belonging to a divine son or daughter.

Related Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church

Scripture	CCC
Romans 1:19-10	31-35
1 Corinthians 2:7, 10	1, 50-55
2 Peter 1:4	257, 1024
Ephesians 1:3-10	65
Galatians 4:5	234
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; 4:1	516-521
1 Timothy 3:14-16	2558
Colossians 1:26-27	760
Romans 16:25	767
1 John 3:1	857-865
Matthew 13:11	883
John 20:21-23	891-892

"Let Us Pray" - The Collect

The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. The celebrant [the priest] invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. **The Collect gathers the prayers of all into one and disposes all to hear the Word of God in the context of the celebration.** [USCCB](#) It is pronounced, in English, "**KOL-ekt**," from the Latin collēcta, meaning "the gathering of the people together." [The Collect](#)

During Ordinary Time the Collect prayed for the Sunday liturgy will often be the same prayer used at Daily Mass, though the [ORDO](#) may offer another suggestion. The exception is solemnities and feasts. The celebrant may also choose to pray the related Collect for memorials, optional memorials (e.g. a specific saint), or one for a votive Mass (e.g. First Friday). During Liturgical Seasons like Advent and Lent, there is a new Collect daily. This is just one example of how the Church in her wisdom leads us through the Liturgical Year.

Why was "one" God dropped at the end of the Collect, in English? Click [here](#) for the answer.

Understanding the Symbols



Videos to Explore

[Divine Revelation:
God Seeking Us...](#)

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[The Mystery of the Church](#)

Dr. Brandt Pitre

[Truth, Goodness, and Beauty](#)

Catholic Central

[Advent in 2 Minutes](#)

Busted Halo

[The Lord's Prayer](#)

Matt Maher

[Sons & Daughters](#)

Vinyard Worship

December's Devotion

[The
Immaculate
Conception](#)

The Advent Wreath

The Advent candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Each Sunday of Advent we light another candle as we get closer and closer to Christmas - the moment Jesus brought light into our darkness. Three of these candles are purple and one is pink (or rose). The dark purple also reminds us of darkness and marks a time for prayer and waiting. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent which is called Gaudete Sunday, meaning 'Rejoice' for the time of Christmas is near. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us of our God, who has no beginning or end, as well as His endless love for us. The evergreen leaves that make up the wreath remind us that God gives us the gift of everlasting life through Jesus. (Flocknote Library) Some people include a fifth candle (white) to be lit through the twelve days of Christmas (Dec. 25 - Jan. 5) or longer.

Ite missa est - Go! You have been sent.