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We Profess Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of the faith of the Apostles. In the first part of the Creed, we profess our belief in God the Father and the work of creation. In the second part, we profess our belief in Jesus and the mystery of redemption. In the third part, we profess our belief in the Holy Spirit, the source of our sanctification. When we pray the Apostles' Creed, we unite ourselves with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ACTIVITY

Trinitarian Symbols There have been many representations of the Trinity throughout history. One of the most famous is the shamrock. Another is three intertwining circles. As a family, come up with your own idea for a Trinitarian symbol.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Listen carefully to the Nicene Creed. It begins, "We believe in one God..."

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Saint of the Week



Saint Patrick
(A.D. 387–493)

When Patrick was 16, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. He eventually escaped and studied to be a priest. Later, he returned to Ireland and converted the Irish people to Christianity.

Patron Saint of: Ireland
Feast Day: March 17



A Prayer for the Week

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, help our family to grow in understanding the truths of our Catholic faith. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Biblical Mountains In the Bible, mountains have spiritual significance. In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with the Israelites on Mt. Sinai. Abraham went to Mt. Moriah to sacrifice his son (Genesis 22:2). Mt. Moriah (later called Mt. Zion) is also the site of Solomon's temple (2 Chronicles 3:1). Mountains are also significant in the New Testament, most notably in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7). Jesus' Transfiguration took place atop a mountain (Matthew 17:1–8), and the Mount of Olives is the site of many important events in Jesus' life, including the Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36–46) and the Ascension (Acts 1:6–12).

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

The Holy Land In 1997, the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem was unveiled following an extensive renovation. Many Christians believe that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the exact site of Jesus' crucifixion.

The painting on the dome represents the glory of God enveloping the Risen Christ. Twelve golden rays represent the Twelve Apostles. Each ray has three streams of light, symbolizing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The background color of mother-of-pearl represents the luminous cloud that often accompanies the presence of God in Scripture.