

# Glossary

## A

**Advent** the four weeks before Christmas. During Advent, we prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

**Alleluia** a word we use to offer praise to God

## B

**Baptism** the first sacrament. Baptism makes us part of God's family, the Church.

**Bible** the story of God's love for his people. The Bible is God's Word.

**bishop** a leader in the Church. Bishops are the shepherds of God's people. They do the work of the Apostles.



## C

**choice** something we freely decide to do

**Christ** a title for Jesus that means “anointed with oil” (like a king)

**church** the building where God’s people gather together to worship

**Church** God’s family, the people who follow Jesus Christ.

**creation** everything that God has made. God said that all creation is good.

**Creed** a prayer that says what we believe about God

**cross** a symbol that reminds us of how Jesus died to save us



**E**

**Eucharist** the sacrament in which we give thanks to God for our Savior, Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist at Mass. It is our most important way of praising God. At Mass, we listen to the Word of God and receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ.

**F**

**faith** a gift from God that enables us to trust in God

**forgiveness** the act of responding with goodness to people who have done wrong to us

**G**

**God** the Creator of all that exists. God is one being who is a Trinity of Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Good Shepherd** a name for Jesus that describes how much he loves and cares for us

**grace** God's gift of his life to us

## H

**Hail Mary** a prayer that asks Mary to help us grow closer to her Son, Jesus

**heaven** the state of living with God forever

**Holy Family** the family made up of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Holy Spirit** the Third Person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is our helper and our guide.

## J

**Jesus** the Son of God and the Second Person of the Trinity. Jesus is our Savior.

**joy** a sense of deep happiness



**L**

**Light of the World** a name we use for Jesus to remind us that he lights our way to the Father

**Lord's Prayer** the prayer that Jesus gave us to show us how to pray to God the Father. This prayer is also called the Our Father.

**love** to care unselfishly for others. God loves us and wants us to love him and love others.

**M**

**Mass** the most important way that Catholics praise God. At Mass, we receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion.

**miracle** something amazing that cannot be explained. A miracle is something that only God can do.

## O

**Original Sin** the sin of Adam and Eve, who disobeyed God. We are all born with Original Sin.

## P

**praise** our telling of the happiness we feel simply because God is so good

**pray** to listen to and talk to God

**priest** a man who is called to serve the Church by celebrating Mass, leading the parish, and teaching others about God



## R

**Resurrection** the raising of Jesus from the dead three days after he died on the Cross



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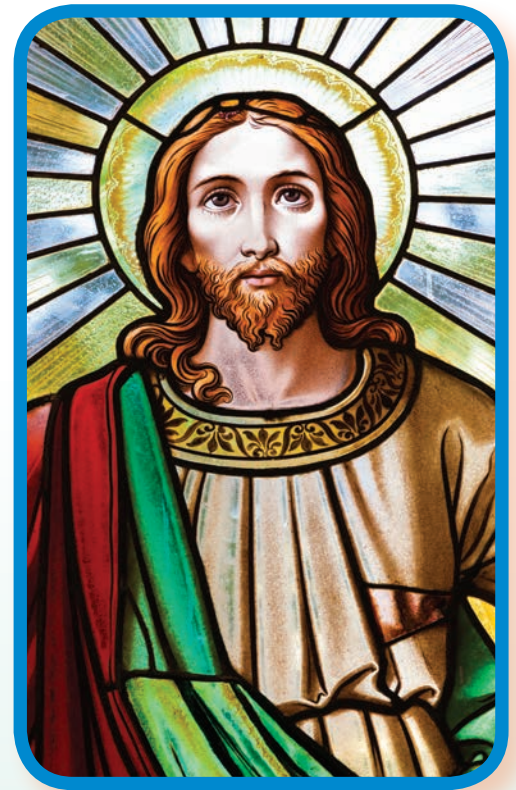
**sacrament** one of the seven signs of grace that Jesus gave the Church that gives us God's grace. The seven sacraments are Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. Each sacrament gives us the help or grace we need to live as Jesus wants us to live.

**saint** a person who loved God on earth and now lives with God in heaven

**Savior** Jesus, the Son of God, who came to save us from our sins

**Sign of the Cross** the tracing of the cross on ourselves to show our faith in Jesus

**Son of God** a name that tells us that Jesus is the only eternal and divine Son of God



**T**

**Ten Commandments** the 10 rules that God gave to Moses to guide us in loving God and others

**thanksgiving** saying thank you to God for our blessings

**Trinity** the mystery of one God in Three divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

