

2023-2024 RCIA #4

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Part I: The Creed (Chapter 3)

The Unity and Trinity of God

- How Are There Three?

The Nicene Creed

God the Father

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

The Trinity is based on the Baptism of Jesus

- **Matthew 3:13-17**
- Mark 1:9-11
- Luke 3:21-22
- John 1:29-34

The Trinity (Cont)

- What are some images we have for the Trinity?
 - Clover
 - Ice, water, steam
 - Intersecting circles
 - Husband/wife/child
 - A MYSTERY

What is the Trinity of God

- According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* the Trinity is the:
 - Central mystery of Christian faith
 - Mystery of God in himself
 - Source of all other mysteries of faith
 - Light that enlightens them
 - Most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths” of faith

What is the Trinity of God (Cont)

- It is one of the mysteries that are hidden in God which can never be known unless they are revealed by God
- A dogma of the Church teaches that all three persons of the Trinity exist for all times
- One God – Three Persons
 - Three Missions
 - **Father** – creator
 - **Son** – redeemer
 - **Holy Spirit** – sanctifier

The Trinity

- When you pray to God, what does He look like?
 - Father figure
 - Old man
 - Cloud
 - Spirit
- Let us look at the ascension of Jesus from **Luke 24:36-53** and **Acts 1:1-11** as discussed Pope Benedict XVI's book *Jesus of Nazareth*