

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



## RCIA SCHEDULE 2009/2010

*Meetings are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.  
Additional meeting dates are in bold print.*

### INQUIRY

This is a time for inquiry and introduction to Gospel values, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith. There is no commitment to move forward in the process.

### **September**

23 **Introduction to the Program & Welcome**

The History of RCIA

Overview of the program, structure of the meetings and expectations.

Review of the Schedule, weekly meetings and special dates

30 **Faith Journey**

Our life may be compared to a journey with both painful and happy times. Placing these events and feelings on a time line helps us become aware of the experiences that have shaped our lives. The Good news is that God is present throughout our lives even when we are not aware of this presence. Our journey back to God takes a lifetime!

## October

- 7 **No Meeting** (Parish Mission 7:00 pm Fr. Alender, in the church)
- 14 **What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?**  
Discussion on Catholic teaching, practices and traditions. Come with your questions about the Catholic teaching and the Catholic Church.
- 21 **Introduction to Prayer**  
We are encouraged to pray frequently, not just in church but at others times: at home, work, out walking, etc. What are the different types of prayer?
- 28 **The Bible**  
Old Testament, New Testament  
The books of the bible  
The four Gospels  
Different Versions of the Bible

## November

- 4 **Introduction to the Sacraments**  
The sacraments are visible realities (outward signs) that convey for us the invisible reality of God's grace. Who celebrates, how do we celebrate, when do we celebrate and where do we celebrate the sacraments.
- 11 **Tour of the Church**  
A tour of the church from the vestibule to the sacristy. Find out the names and uses of the various items used for liturgy and the sacraments.

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| <p><b>14 Morning of Reflection - Rite, Acceptance &amp; Welcome – 9:30 am</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors) In the Library</b></p> <p><b>15 Rite of Acceptance &amp; Welcome – 9:00 am Mass</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors)</b></p> |
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# CATECHUMENATE

This is a time of nurturing and growth of faith and conversion to God, and of reflecting on the Sunday Scripture.

## November

- 18 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King – Preparing for Advent & Christmas  
The Liturgical Year  
The seasons of the Liturgical year. The use of the Lectionary and the cycle of readings
- 25 **No Meeting** (Thanksgiving)

## December

- 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sin & Repentance
- 9 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Vocation: Marriage, Holy Orders
- 16 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Jesus
- 23 **No Meeting**
- 30 **No Meeting**

## January

- 6 Baptism of the Lord – Sacrament of Baptism
- 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sacrament of Confirmation
- 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Scripture
- 27 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sacrament of the Sick

## February

- 3 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sacrament of Eucharist
- 10 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Preparation for Lent
- 17 **Ash Wednesday - Attend 7:30 pm Mass**

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| <p><b>13 Morning of Reflection – Rite of Sending &amp; Election – 9:30 am</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors) In Meeting Room A</b></p> <p><b>14 Rite of Sending – 11:00 am Mass</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors)</b></p> <p><b>20 Rite of Election with the Bishop – 12:00 pm, Cathedral</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors)</b></p> |
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# PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT

This is a time immediately preceding the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). It is a time of reflection, intensely centered on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies.

## February

- 24    2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Cycle C – Walking in the Light of Faith  
To consider faith as light – illumination, guidance and consolation  
To be open to that light, especially in Baptism or renewal of baptismal vows  
To reflect on Lent as a spiritual (inner) journey

## March

- 3        3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Cycle A – Changing Our Hearts  
Reflect on the condition of our “hearts”  
Discussion on our sources of hope in our ability to change and be changed

**7        1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny – 11:00 am Mass**  
**(Candidates & Sponsors)**

- 10      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Cycle A – Morality/Evil  
Explore different definitions and concepts of sin  
Distinguish between true and false guilt  
Discuss issues related to authority in moral teaching

**14      2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny – 9:00 am Mass**  
**(Candidates & Sponsors)**

- 17      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Cycle A – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Deepen awareness of the mystery of God’s forgiveness and reconciliation with us in Christ  
Meditate on this forgiveness as we experience it in the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lay to rest questions and misunderstandings about the sacrament

**20      3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny – 5:00 pm Mass**  
**(Candidates & Sponsors)**

- 24      Parish Penance Service, 7:30 in the church
- 31      Triduum/Easter  
Holy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Vigil

## April

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| <p><b>3 Morning of Reflection - Easter Vigil – 9:30 am</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors) In Meeting Room A</b><br/><b>Sponsor Rehearsal – 12:00 pm, In the Church</b></p> <p><b>3 Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm</b><br/><b>(Candidates &amp; Sponsors)</b></p> |
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## MYSTAGOGIA

This is a time immediately following Easter (the Easter Season) of full participation in the Christian Community by significant presentations and particularly by participation in the Sunday eucharistic celebration.

## April

- 7 **No Meeting**
- 14 Reflection on the Triduum
- 21 The Mass
- 28 Where Do We Go From Here, Your Special Gifts

## May

- 5 Social Justice / Outreach
- 12 The Ongoing Journey
- 19 FAMILY POTLUCK** (all family members are invited to come and share)