

RCIA Schedule: September 2017 to April 2018

SEP 10 0945 Welcome and Introduction: Catechism and Books.

SEP 17 0945 Scriptures: Old and NEW Testament (NCAB: N-1, 2; P-2, 3); TCSB: (CH 3). **Salvation History.**

OCT 01 0945 Which came first, the bible or the Church? NCAB (pages, Index, A-1, G-1, N-2). **Sacred Tradition (BIG T);** TCSB (CH 4) **and Scriptures:** NCAB (U-1) WWC (66-84); TCSB (CH 2). Catholic Answers videos.

OCT 08 0945 Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: TIOF (pp. 99-124); NCAB (L-1, M-3, Q-2, S-4, T-4, U-2, 3); WWC (85-109).

OCT 15 0945 God---Profession of Faith: TIOF (11-29); WWC: (3-30; 152-165); TCSB: (CH 8).

OCT 22 0945 Mary & the Communion of Saints: TIOF (pp.137-146); NCAB (C-2, E-4, F-2, H-1, 4, M-2, R-1, R-2, V-2)

OCT 29 1030 @ Bldg. 29601 FAMILY DAY

NOV 01-02 ALL SAINTS AND SOULS DAY.

NOV 05 0945 Jesus and Salvation: TIOF (45-71); NCAB (J-3, L-1, M-1, U-4, V-1); WWC (43-58; 137-144).

NOV 19 0945 Holy Spirit/Trinity: TIOF (73-97); NCAB (C-1); WWC: (59-65).

Advent begins 03 December
Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

DEC 03 0945 Introduction to the Sacraments/Paschal Mystery & Symbols: TIOF (163-178); NCAB (K-1, R-4); TCSB: (CH 9); WWAC: (118, 186-195, 213-216).

DEC 10 0945 Liturgy-Eucharist: TIOF (195-207); NCAB (T-1, 2; V-3). **Liturgical Calendar—Lectionary cycles.** TCSB: (CH 5&6); WWC: (110-117).

DEC 17 0945 Teaching Mass and Rituals. NCAB (G-2, 3); WWC: (110-117). **Catholics Belief about Christmas.**

JAN 07 No class EPIPHANY (Christmas Season Ends)

JAN 14 0945 Baptism: TIOF (179-187); NCAB (F-3, S-3); WWC: (118-124).

JAN 21 0945 Confirmation and the Holy Spirit: TIOF (188-193); NCAB (S-2). **Prayer and Spirituality:** TIOF: (317-342); NCAB (J-2). **Life in Christ: Holiness:** TIOF (275-283); **Devotions:** TCSB: (1-57 & CH 7).

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FEB 04 0945 Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick---Human suffering: TIOF (209-210, 216-220).

FEB 11 0945 Commandments: TIOF: (285-314); TCSB: (CH 2). The Role of the Lay Persons.

FEB 14 ASH WEDNESDAY; LENT BEGINS
NO CLASS--- read See NCAB (I-3, N-3)

Sunday FEB 25: Rite of Election and Sending
FEB 25 1030 FAMILY DAY; BLDG 29601

MAR 04 0945 1ST SCRUTINY: Presentation of the Creed. Catholic Moral Teaching 1: General Principles of Conscience, Choices, and SIN: TIOF (243-253, 255-258); NCAB (A-4, B-3); WWAC: (176-185). **Catholic Moral Teaching 2: Specifics of Sin, Virtues vs. Vices:** TIOF (253-254);

MAR 11 0945 2ND SCRUTINY: Heaven, Purgatory, Hell & Eternity: TIOF (147-161); NCAB (H-2, 3; I-1, 2, 4; J-4, L-2, M-4); WWC: (145-158, 196-212).

MAR 18 0945 3RD SCRUTINY: Presentation of the Lord's Prayer. Catholic Social Teaching: TIOF (259-274); NCAB (B-4, C-4, E-2, J-1, K-2). **Jesus: Passion & Crucifixion:** TIOF (31-32, 62-67; **and Resurrection and Second Coming:** TIOF (68-71, 155-156, 351); **Virtue of Hope.**

MAR 25 NO CLASS PALM SUNDAY

MAR 28 (Wed) 1830 At GOOD SHEPHERD chapel: Holy hour/Benediction/ Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: TIOF (209).

MAR 26 TO MAR 30 HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM:

MAR 29 Holy Thursday---the Lord's Last Supper
MAR 30 Good Friday
MAR 31 Holy Saturday---Easter Vigil begins at sunset
(1) TBA - A.M. Easter Vigil Rehearsal
(2) TBA --- (SUNSET) Easter Vigil---Reception Ritual into Full Communion of the Catholic Church

APR 01 Easter Sunday—NO RCIA

APR 15 1030 Sacraments of Marriage: TIOF (221, 228-239); NCAB (K-3). **Holy Orders:** TIOF (221-228, 238-239); NCAB (B-1, D-2, 4; M-3, Q-3, S-4, T-3, U-3); WWC: (186-195).

APR 22 1030-1200 Mystagogy---wrap up of experiences---Q & A.

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*****Note:** We will use the books listed below for our classes. The book titles are abbreviated acronyms and the page sections or numbers are listed for each class day on the schedule. If the day and topic do not have a book listed, it is because we will use other sources for discussions.

RCIA Curriculum Books:

1. **This Is Our Faith**, by Michael Pennock (TIOF).
2. **The New Catholic Answers Bible** (NCAB).
3. **The Catholic Source Book**, Harcourt Religious Pub (TCSB).
4. **Why We're Catholic** by Trent Horn (WWC)

Other Sources:

Teacher will also use other materials such as Bishop Robert Barron's **Catholicism and Pivotal Players**, **Symbolon**, **FORMED**, **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA)**, **Apologetic books and videos**. Guest speakers, and conversion stories of men and women from other faiths.

Recommended Books or resources:

1. **Catholic.com**. read articles, hear audio recordings or see videos on any subject matter. Call and speak to someone too.
2. **The Faith: A Question and Answer Guide** By: Fr. John Hardon.
3. **Surprised by Truth Vol. 1 & 2** By: Patrick Madrid

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is the process for adults to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. It can be looked at as the Church's "formation program" for new members. In the early church, the initiation process could have taken up to three years. Here, it is usually an eight-month period.

However, this process is your personal spiritual journey. Time should never be a factor. This period of September to April or May is only a formal period. You have the freedom to say that you want a longer period to discern.

During the course of this journey of prayer, education, and discernment, * Catechumens and ** Candidates participate in a number of classes and ritual ceremonies in which the Catholic community gradually acknowledges their progression to full membership. These ceremonies include:

- Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming
- Rite of Election
- (3) Scrutiny Rituals
- Presentations of the Creed and of the Our Father

Full initiation culminates or concludes at the joyous Easter Vigil celebration on Saturday night before Easter Sunday. Depending on one's previous sacraments received, here is where one either receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

* A catechumen is a person who has never been baptized and therefore will receive all (3) sacraments at one time on Saturday Easter Vigil.

** A candidate is one who has been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian faith and needs to complete Eucharist (i.e. Holy Communion), Reconciliation (i.e. Confession) and Confirmation. If this person is a former catholic who had received First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, then they will only need to receive Confirmation.

The schedule of meeting days and times, along with the topics to be discussed, are on the schedule on the other side of this page.