

# RCIA SCHEDULE—2017-2018

DATE	TOPIC	Liturgical Season Celebration of Rites Other	Instructor Preparation at home Chapters from <b><i>Open Up the Doors of Christ: Discovering Catholicism</i></b>
August 29	RCIA ORIENTATION Information Folders Introductions	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane
September 5	What is Faith?	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	Bruce Konicek Chapter 1
September 12	Divine Revelation: How Does God Reveal Himself?	23rd Week in Ordinary Time	Patrick Duggins Chapter 2
September 19	The Bible Part I	24th Week in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane Chapter 3
September 26	The Bible Part II	25th Week in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane Chapter 3
October 3	Creation and Fall of Adam and Eve	26th Week in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane Chapter 4
October 10	Jesus the Son of God— The Word Made Flesh and Blood	27th Week in Ordinary Time	Charles Ogbeide Chapters 5-6
October 17	The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ	28th Week in Ordinary Time	Sue Juriss Chapter 7
October 24	The Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit	29th Week in Ordinary Time	Charles Ogbeide Chapter 8

October 31	The Church in Heaven, on Earth and in Purgatory	30th Week in Ordinary Time	Bruce Konicek All Saints on November 1 Chapters 9-10
November 7	Judaism, Islam and other Faith traditions	31st Week in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane
November 14	The Role of Mary in the Church and the Immaculate Conception Introduction to the Rosary	32nd Week in Ordinary Time	Buff Whaley Chapter 11
No RCIA	November 21	33rd Week in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Week	.....
November 28	Salvation in Christ Rapture Theory Salvation Outside of the Church?	34th Week in Ordinary Time	Patrick Duggins Chapter 12
December 5	Introduction to the Sacramental Life in the Catholic Church	1st Week of Advent	Charles Ogbeide Chapters 13
December 12	The Sacraments of Christian Initiation Part I	2nd Week of Advent	TBA Emphasis on Baptism Chapter 14
December 19	The Sacraments of Christian Initiation Part II	3rd Week of Advent Sun, Dec. 24 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve	TBA Emphasis on Confirmation Chapter 15
No RCIA	December 26 and January 2	Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year	.....
January 9	The Sacraments of Christian Initiation Part III	1st Week in Ordinary Time	Msgr. Schaedel Emphasis on the Eucharist and the Order of Mass Chapters 16-17
January 16	Demonstration of the Mass Tour of the Church	2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Msgr. Schaedel Chapters 16-17

January 23	Sacrament of Holy Orders	3rd Week in Ordinary Time	Father Xavier Raj Chapter 21
January 30	Christian Morality Sacrament of Penance Part I	4th Week in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane Chapter 18
February 6	Sacrament of Penance Part II Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sister Diane Chapters 19-20
February 13	Sacrament of Marriage Part I Sexual Morality in Light of Christ's teachings	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mark and Michelle Overholt Chapter 23
February 20	Sacrament of Marriage and Human Sexuality Part II The Christian understanding and response to contemporary issues concerning: Sexual orientation Pansexuality or omnisexuality Gender identity LGBTQ	1st Week of Lent	Sister Diane, James Faulkner, M.D. and Patrick Duggins
February 27	The Morality of Fertility and Biomedical Research Birth Control vs. Natural Family Planning Stem Cell Research Cloning, AIH, IVF, etc.	2nd Week of Lent	James Faulkner, M.D. Chapter 26

March 6	Human Life Issues with attention on Abortion, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, Death Penalty	3rd Week of Lent	Bruce Konicek Chapter 24
March 13	Principles and Themes of Catholic Social Teaching	4th Week of Lent	Bruce Konicek Chapter 25

March 20	Prayer Part I	5th Week of Lent	Therese Hartley Chapter 27
March 27	Prayer Part II Holy Week Celebrations Devotional Practices, Novenas, Chaplets, etc.	Holy Week	Sue Juriss and Buff Whaley
March 29	Holy Thursday	Mass in church at 7:00 p.m.	
March 30	Good Friday	Service in church at 3:00 p.m.	
March 31	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	Practice at 10:00 a.m. followed by brunch
April 1	Easter Sunday		
April 17	The Journey *Mystagogy Church Ministries	3rd Week of Easter	Team members lead discussion

The fourth stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is called "mystagogy," from the Greek words meaning "to lead through the mysteries." This period extends throughout the Easter season, until the feast of Pentecost. As new Catholics, it takes time for adults to discover the beauty and significance of participating in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. The newly baptized are called "neophytes," from the Greek words meaning "new plant." Neophytes begin their new life of faith with enthusiasm, but they have much more to learn about the Catholic faith and their identity as Catholic Christians. They need the ongoing support of their Church community so that their newly planted faith may grow and deepen.