

# RCIA INITIATION 2019-2020

## FEAST DAYS & RITES

Rite of Welcome	October 6, 2019 at 9 AM Mass
Rite of Sending	March 1, 2020 at 9 AM Mass
Rite of Election	March 1, 2020 at TBD
First Scrutiny	March 15, 2020 9 AM Mass
Second Scrutiny	March 22, 2020 11 AM Mass
Third Scrutiny	March 29, 2020 6 PM Mass
Day of Prayer	April 4, 2020 from 9 AM – 3 PM
Easter Vigil	April 11, 2020 at 8:30 PM Mass
Divine Mercy	April 19, 2020 at 11AM Mass

## CLASS TIMES & LOCATIONS

### **INQUIRY:**

Sun., 10:15 AM -12 PM in Room #205

### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD (BOW):**

Sun., 9:30-10:15 AM in the Chapel

### **CLASS:**

Sun., 10:15 AM -12 PM in Room #205

### **SEPTEMBER**

08	Inquiry Class
15	Inquiry Class
22	Inquiry Class
29	Inquiry Class

### **OCTOBER**

06	RITE OF WELCOME & BOW & CLASS
13	BOW & CLASS
20	BOW & CLASS
27	BOW & CLASS

### **NOVEMBER**

03	BOW & CLASS
10	BOW & CLASS
17	BOW & CLASS

### **DECEMBER**

01	BOW & CLASS
08	BOW & CLASS
15	BOW & CLASS

### **JANUARY**

05	BOW & CLASS
12	BOW & CLASS
19	OFF - Presidents Day
26	BOW & CLASS

### **FEBRUARY**

02	BOW & CLASS
09	BOW & CLASS

### **FEBRUARY CONT.**

16	BOW & CLASS
23	BOW & CLASS

### **MARCH**

01	RITE OF SENDING – 9 AM MASS <i>Normal BOW &amp; CLASS</i> RITE OF ELECTION – TBD-Sunday Afternoon
08	OFF – Spring Break
15	FIRST SCRUTINY AT 9 AM MASS BOW & CLASS
22	SECOND SCRUTINY AT 11 AM MASS BOW & CLASS
29	THIRD SCRUTINY AT 6 PM MASS BOW & CHURCH TOUR

### **APRIL**

04	DAY OF PRAYER
11	EASTER VIGIL (CATECHUMENS) <i>Rehearsal will be at 10 AM that morning.</i>
19	DIVINE MERCY (CANDIDATES) <i>Rehearsal will be during the week.</i> <i>No BOW or Class for Catechumens.</i>
26	CLASS

### **MAY**

03	CLASS
10	CLASS
17	CLASS

# THE 4 STAGES OF RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Your journey contains 4 stages, but during this time, you will also attend **Breaking Open the Word (BOW)**. The typical format will be, you attend the 9 AM Sunday Mass. Halfway through the mass, you will be dismissed to the Chapel for BOW (~9:30-10:15 AM). After BOW you will attend either, CAT, P&E, or Mystagogy (Depending on the date) in room 205 (~10:15- 11:45/Noon).

## 1. Period of Inquiry (Pre-Catechumenate): *Discover and Learn*

In this first period of the RCIA journey, many who come are discerning whether they truly want to enter into communion with the Catholic Church. How someone comes to consider joining the Church is unique to each individual. Everyone is given the opportunity and time to tell their own stories. There is never any pressure put on anyone to continue; rather, all are simply invited to "Come and see." Foundational instruction about the Catholic faith is given at the weekly sessions and there is always opportunity for all participants to ask questions.

**RITUAL:** The Pre-catechumenate concludes with the Rite of Acceptance for the Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming for the Candidates.

## 2. Catechumenate: *Formation and Learning*

Catechumenate means "time of serious study". This period is the first step in commitment leading to full membership in the Catholic Church and is the longest of the four phases. This is an apprenticeship in Christian discipleship through learning the doctrines of the Church, service, liturgical worship, prayer, and community life. Each catechumen and candidate has a sponsor who accompanies him/her during the RCIA process. Sponsors can be someone you have chosen, or someone from our parish that we can find for you. All catechumens and candidates attend the 9:00am Mass on Sundays for only the Liturgy of the Word. Before the Liturgy of the Eucharist, they are "dismissed" with a priestly blessing to break open the Word with the RCIA team. This is a time of prayer, study and personal application of God's Word.

**RITUAL:** The Catechumenate concludes with the Rite of Sending from St. Anthony's and the Rite of Election at an Archdiocesan site with the Archbishop that Sunday afternoon.

## 3. Purification & Enlightenment: *Preparing the Heart*

This final period of preparation, which encompasses six weeks of Lent, is an intense time of prayer, fasting and reflection. The Elect undertake a series of self-examinations called the Scrutinies and they participate in special purification rites or Exorcisms. These self-examinations and rites strengthen them in grace and open their hearts to receive God's unconditional love. Included in this phase are spiritual retreats and smaller rituals intended to support and assist each person. This phase occurs during Lent.

**RITUAL:** For those who are not Baptized, they will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist- on Easter Vigil. For those baptized outside of the Catholic faith, they will do a Profession of Faith and receive Confirmation and the Eucharist. For those who were baptized Catholic but never received the other sacraments, they will receive Confirmation and the Eucharist.

## 4. Mystagogy: *The Journey of the Neophyte*

The Mystagogy phase is meant to bring the neophyte into the life of the parish community. It is a time of reflection, celebration, and active participation in the life and mission of the Church.