

RCIA INITIATION 2020-2021

FEAST DAYS & RITES

Rite of Welcome	October 4, 2020 at 9 AM Mass
Rite of Sending	February 21, 2021 at 9 AM Mass
Rite of Election	February 21, 2021 at TBD
First Scrutiny	March 07, 2021 9 AM Mass
Second Scrutiny	March 13, 2021 5 PM Vigil
Third Scrutiny	March 21, 2021 6 PM Mass
Day of Prayer	March 27, 2021 9 AM – 3 PM
Easter Vigil	April 03, 2021 at 8:30 PM Mass
Divine Mercy	April 11, 2021 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 Room #205

CLASS:

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SEPTEMBER

13	Inquiry Class
20	Inquiry Class
27	Inquiry Class

OCTOBER

04	RITE OF WELCOME & BOW & CLASS
11	BOW & CLASS
18	BOW & CLASS
25	BOW & CLASS

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

06	BOW & CLASS
13	BOW & CLASS

JANUARY

10	BOW & CLASS
17	OFF - MLK Jr. Day
24	BOW & CLASS
31	BOW & CLASS

FEBRUARY

07	BOW & CLASS
14	BOW & CLASS
21	RITE OF SENDING – 9 AM MASS <i>Normal BOW & CLASS</i>
21	RITE OF ELECTION – TBD-Sunday Afternoon <i>Not required for CANDIDATES</i>
28	BOW & CLASS

MARCH

07	FIRST SCRUTINY AT 9 AM MASS BOW & CLASS
13	SECOND SCRUTINY AT 5 PM VIGIL MASS BOW & CLASS
21	THIRD SCRUTINY AT 6 PM MASS BOW & CHURCH TOUR
27	DAY OF PRAYER

APRIL

03	EASTER VIGIL (CATECHUMENS) <i>Rehearsal will be at 10 AM that morning.</i>
11	DIVINE MERCY (CANDIDATES) <i>TENTATIVE Rehearsal will be on Wednesday April 7th at 6:00 PM in the Church No BOW or Class for Catechumens.</i>
18	CLASS
25	CLASS

MAY

02	CLASS
16	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 Room 205 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.