**RCIA Schedule of Topics and Reading Assignments**

Below you will see the dates, topics, and handouts for RCIA. All Handouts will be provided, both in electronic and hard copy, in the order they are listed below, along with reflection questions. Please read the Handouts and study the Discussion Questions PRIOR TO the upcoming session. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or difficulties.

**(MOST SESSIONS WILL BE 1st & 3rd TUESDAYS, FROM 6:30-8:15PM IN THE ATTIC YOUTH ROOM)**

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| ***Date*** | ***Topics (Separated by Semicolon)*** | ***Handout Titles to Read PRIOR to Session/ Notes*** |
| **Sept. 12** | Intro to the faith. Period of Inquiry. | Initial paperwork, introductions |
| **Sept. 26** | The Story of the People of God | Good news! Relationship with Jesus Christ as the people of God; The Covenants of God with Us |
| **Oct. 10** | Divine Revelation; Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition | Divine Revelation; Deposit of Faith; Sacred Scripture; Sacred Tradition; Typology; The Virtue of Faith; Magisterium; Infallibility; Servant of the Servants of God |
| **Oct. 24** | The Blessed Trinity; The Dignity of the Human Person/Original Sin | The Blessed Trinity; God the Creator; God the Father; Spirit and Matter ; The Attributes of God; Made in His Image; Original Sin (Solemnity of All Saints) |
| **Nov. 14** | The Son of God & Salvation | God’s Plan of Salvation; The Incarnation; True God and True Man; The Kingdom of God; Paschal Mystery; God’s Justice, God’s Love; Justification; Indulgences |
| **Nov. 28** | 4 Last Things & The Communion of Saints | The Four Last Things; Second Coming of Christ; New Heavens and a New Earth; Purgatory; The Communion of Saints; (Advent) |
| **Dec. 5** | The Four Marks of the Church;  The Blessed Virgin Mary | The Church is Apostolic; One, Holy, Catholic; The 5 Doctrines on Mary; Mary the New Eve; Mother of God and Our Mother; Apparitions; Praying to Mary; (IC, Guadalupe) |
| **Jan 7, 2018** | ***5 pm Mass – Rite of acceptance/Welcoming*** | ***Josh will email, and we will meet before the Saturday Mass at 4:40 to review the Mass parts/ responses.*** |
| **Dec. 12** | The Universal Call to Holiness; Grace | Mystical Body of Christ; Holiness and Joy; Grace; Grace & Conversion; Conversion to Jesus Christ; Christian Meaning of Suffering |
| **Dec. 19** | Natural Law; Freedom in Christ; The Two Great Commandments; Temptation and Sin | Natural Law; The Christian Meaning of Freedom; The Light of Conscience Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Temptation; What is Sin? Seven Deadly Sins; (Nativity; Mother of God) |
| **Jan. 9** | The First Three Commandments | God’s Law; Errors of Modern Culture; Profanity; The Sabbath and Sunday Worship |
| **Jan. 23** | The Last Seven Commandments | Honoring our Parents; The Sanctity of Human Life; Chastity and Modesty; Stealing, Cheating, Lying |
| **Feb. 13** | The Sacramental Economy; Baptism; Confirmation | The Sacramental Economy; Sacraments: God Uses the Material World to Sanctify Us; Baptism; Infant Baptism; Confirmation (Lent) |
| **Feb. 20** | Reconciliation | Forgiveness; Reconciliation; Confession to a Human Being; Examination of Conscience; Anointing of the Sick; Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| **Either 2/18 or 2/25** | ***This is the Rite of Election – It is not a Mass*** | ***This is when the Bishop welcomes you to the Cathedral to formally prepare for Easter \*\*NOTE: any hindrances to joining the Church (i.e. annulments, marriage blessings, etc.) must be completed before participation in the Rite\*\**** |
| **Feb. 27** | Holy Orders; Anointing of the Sick | Holy Orders; Celibacy for the Sake of the Kingdom; In Persona Christi; Women and the Priesthood; Dignity and Vocation of Women; Priesthood of the Faithful; Anointing of the Sick |
| **Mar. 6** | Matrimony | Male and Female He Made Them; Matrimony; What is a Sacramental Marriage; Marriage, Sexuality, and Contraception; The Catholic Family; |
| Mar. 13 | Liturgy | The Liturgical Year; Ordinary Time; Liturgy of the Hours |
| **Mar. 20** | The Eucharist | The Eucharist; Real Presence; Reservation of the Eucharist; Viaticum |
| **Mar. 27** | ***Final things, Practice and Mini-Retreat, (Confession if possible)*** | ***Practice and Prepare for the Easter Vigil;*** Holy Week; Chrism Mass; Responding to the Great Mysteries |
| **(3/4, 3/11, 3/18)** | **(Sunday RCIA Rites Scrutinies)** | ***(For those to be Baptized only. We will meet the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday mornings during Lent)*** |
| **Mar 31** | ***Easter Vigil*** | ***Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation***  ***(OVER for Mystagogy sessions🡪 )*** |
| **Apr. 10** | **Mystagogy:** Sacramental Living | Sacramental Living; The Sign of the Cross; Canon Law; Precepts of the Church |
| **Apr. 17** | **Mystagogy:** The Mass | Parts of the Mass; History of the Mass;  **Church/Sacristy Tour** |
| **Apr. 24** | **Mystagogy:**  Prayer | Introduction to Prayer; Types of Prayer; Aspects of Prayer; Christian Meditation; Heights of Prayer- Contemplation; Jesus Our Exemplar in Prayer; The Lord’s Prayer; The Battle of Prayer |

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| **May 7** | **Mystagogy:** Prayer Pt. 2  & The Life of Virtue | Continual Conversion and Penance; Virtue of Faith; Virtue of Hope; Virtue of Charity; Virtuous Living; |
| **May 14** | **Mystagogy:** The Holy Spirit and Pentecost | The Holy Spirit; Solemnity of Pentecost; Light and Fire; The Disciple of Christ; The Beatitudes; The Gifts & Fruits; Relationship with the Holy Spirit; Evangelization |