

RCIA Syllabus 2023 - 2024

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process by which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

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Texts: The Holy Bible, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC),
The Faith Explained (TFE) by Leo J. Trese, RCIA Binder Notes

Recommended: magnificat.net for daily Bible readings and meditations;

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Where: St. Ambrose Parish Center

When: Mondays 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Instructors: Father Fisher, Father Nugent

Please note: The CCC reading refers to the paragraph numbers, not the page numbers. The TFE reading refers to the chapters, not the page numbers.

Date	Topic	Weekly Reading	Instructor
September 11	Introduction to RCIA: Catholicism - Man was made for Freedom	Bible: John 8:31-34 CCC: 1-49 TFE: 1	Father Fisher And Father Nugent
September 18	Divine Revelation: Bible and Tradition	Bible: 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Thess 2:15 CCC: 50-143 TFE: 39	Fr. Fisher

September 25	Existence of God, Holy Trinity, Fall of Man, Jewish Roots	Bible: Genesis 3 CCC: 144-420 TFE: 2-5	Fr. Nugent
October 2	Jesus Christ	Bible: John 1 CCC: 422-682 TFE: 7-8	Fr. Nugent
October 9	NO CLASS Columbus Day		
October 16	Theotokos: The Virgin Mary; Communion of Saints	Bible: John 2:1-12 CCC: 946-975 TFE: 7, 13	Fr. Fisher
October 23	The Church: The Family of God	Bible: Matt 5:14; 1 Tim 3:15; Acts 2:43 CCC: 811-945 TFE: 11-12	Fr. Nugent
October 30	The Papacy and Infallibility	Bible: Matt 16:18; John 16:13 CCC: 683-810 TFE: 9-10	Fr. Fisher
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November 6	NO CLASS FCPS Holiday		

November 13	The Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation	Bible: Matt 28:19; Acts 2:1-4 CCC: 1210-1284, 1285- 1321, 1830-1832 TFE: 23-25	Fr. Fisher
November 20	Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Bible: John 6:32-60 CCC: 1322-1419 TFE: 26-28	Fr. Nugent
November 27	Holy Orders (The Priesthood)	Bible: John 20:21-22 CCC: 1536-1600 TFE: 34	Fr. Nugent
December 4	Marriage	Bible: Matt 19:3-12; Eph 5:25 CCC: 1601-1666 TFE: 35	Fr. Fisher
December 11	Penance (Confession) and Anointing of the Sick	Bible: John 20:23 CCC: 1420-1498, 1499- 1498 TFE: 29-32	Fr. Nugent
December 18	Special talk on Catholic Christmas		Fr. Fisher / Fr. Nugent
December 25	NO CLASS Have a merry Christmas!		<i>See our website for Christmas Mass times.</i>

January 1	NO CLASS Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Happy New Year!		<i>See our website for Mary, Mother of God Mass times.</i>
January 8	The Decalogue - The 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Commandments	Bible: Exodus 20:2-17 CCC: 2083-2195 TFE: 15-17	Fr. Fisher
January 15	NO CLASS Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
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January 22	The 4 th and 8 th Commandments	Bible: John 13:34 CCC: 2196-2257, 2464- 2513 TFE: 18, 21	Fr. Nugent
January 29	The 5 th Commandment	Bible: Jeremiah 1:5 CCC: 2258-2330 TFE: 18	Fr. Fisher
February 5	The 6 th and 9 th Commandments	Bible: Matt 5:28 CCC: 2331-2400, 2514- 2533 TFE: 19	Fr. Nugent

February 12	The 7 th and 10 th Commandments	Bible: Matt 19:18; Matt 6:21 CCC: 2401-2464, 2534- 2557 TFE: 20	Fr. Fisher
Wednesday February 14	Ash Wednesday		Mass at 7:30 pm
Sunday February 18 (TBA)	Rite of Election		Thomas More Cathedral at TBA pm
February 19	NO CLASS Presidents' Day		
February 26	The Holy Spirit, Prayer and The Beatitudes	Bible: Matt 5:1-12; Matt 6 CCC: 1718-1729; 2558- 2865 TFE: 37-38	Fr. Fisher
March 4	Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell, and the Resurrection	Bible: 2 Peter 3:13; Romans 2:8-9; Matt 25:31-46; 1 Cor 15:12-19 CCC: 976-1065 TFE: 6, 8	Fr. Nugent

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March 11	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Part 1	Bible: Luke 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25 CCC: 1066-1209 TFE: 27-28	Fr. Nugent
March 18	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Part 2	same as previous week	Fr. Nugent
March 25	Overview of Holy Week and the Special Liturgies	n/a	Fr. Fisher
Thursday March 28	Holy Thursday		Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm
Friday March 29	Good Friday		Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm
Saturday March 30	Holy Saturday	Rehearsal/Penance Service at 9:00 am <u>MANDATORY</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm <u>MANDATORY</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>
April 1	NO CLASS Happy Easter Monday!		
April 8	Prayer	Bible: Acts 2:1-5; Romans 8:2-6; John 16:7 CCC: 687-747 TFE: 9-10	Fr. Nugent

April 15	TBD	Bible: Acts 5:14-16; Acts 19:11-12 CCC: 1667-1690 TFE: 36	TBD
April 22	Tour of the Church	n/a	Fr. Fisher/Fr. Nugent
April 29	Where Do I Go from Here? The Call to Holiness		Guest Speaker Louisa Williams
May 6	Closing Dinner w/ Parish Heads of Ministry		