

RCIA Syllabus 2024 - 2025

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 9	Introduction to RCIA: Catholicism - Man was made for Freedom	Bible: John 8:31-34 CCC: 1-49 TFE: 1	Fr. Fisher & Fr. Nugent
September 16	Divine Revelation: Bible and Tradition	Bible: 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Thess 2:15 CCC: 50-143 TFE: 39	Fr. Fisher

September 23	Existence of God, Holy Trinity, Fall of Man, Jewish Roots	Bible: Genesis 3 CCC: 144-420 TFE: 2-5	Fr. Nugent
September 30	Jesus Christ	Bible: John 1 CCC: 422-682 TFE: 7-8	Fr. Nugent
October 7	Theotokos: The Virgin Mary; Communion of Saints	Bible: John 2:1-12 CCC: 946-975 TFE: 7, 13	Fr. Nugent
October 14	NO CLASS		
October 21	The Church: The Family of God	Bible: Matt 5:14; 1 Tim 3:15; Acts 2:43 CCC: 811-945 TFE: 11-12	Fr. Fisher
October 28	The Papacy and Infallibility	Bible: Matt 16:18; John 16:13 CCC: 683-810 TFE: 9-10	Fr. Nugent

November 4	The Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation	Bible: Matt 28:19; Acts 2:1-4 CCC: 1210-1284, 1285- 1321, 1830-1832 TFE: 23-25	Fr. Nugent
November 11	NO CLASS		
November 18	Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Bible: John 6:32-60 CCC: 1322-1419 TFE: 26-28	Fr. Fisher
November 25	Holy Orders (The Priesthood)	Bible: John 20:21-22 CCC: 1536-1600 TFE: 34	Fr. Fisher
December 2	NO CLASS		
December 9	Marriage	Bible: Matt 19:3-12; Eph 5:25 CCC: 1601-1666 TFE: 35	Fr. Nugent
December 16	Special talk on Catholic Christmas		Fr. Fisher
December 23	NO CLASS		

December 30	NO CLASS		
January 6	Penance (Confession) and Anointing of the Sick	Bible: John 20:23 CCC: 1420-1498, 1499-1498 TFE: 29-32	Fr. Nugent
January 13	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 20	NO CLASS		
January 27	The 4 th and 8 th Commandments	Bible: John 13:34 CCC: 2196-2257, 2464-2513 TFE: 18, 21	Fr. Fisher
February 3	The 5 th Commandment	Bible: Jeremiah 1:5 CCC: 2258-2330 TFE: 18	Fr. Nugent
February 10	The 6 th and 9 th Commandments	Bible: Matt 5:28 CCC: 2331-2400, 2514-2533 TFE: 19	Fr. Nugent
February 17	NO CLASS		
February 24	The 7 th and 10 th Commandments	Bible: Matt 19:18; Matt 6:21 CCC: 2401-2464, 2534-2557	Fr. Fisher

		TFE: 20	
March 3	The Holy Spirit, Prayer and The Beatitudes	Bible: Matt 5:1-12; Matt 6 CCC: 1718-1729; 2558-2865 TFE: 37-38	Fr. Nugent
<i>Wednesday, March 5</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		<i>See bulletin for Mass times</i>
March 10	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. Fisher
March 17	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 24	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Part 2	same as previous week	Fr. Nugent
March 31	Prayer	Bible: Acts 2:1-5; Romans 8:2-6; John 16:7 CCC: 687-747 TFE: 9-10	Fr. Nugent
April 7	Tour of the Church	n/a	Fr. Fisher

<i>Sunday,</i> <i>April 13</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
April 14	Overview of Holy Week and the Special Liturgies	n/a	Fr. Fisher
<i>Thursday,</i> <i>April 17</i>	<i>Holy Thursday</i>		<i>See bulletin for Mass times</i>
<i>Friday,</i> <i>April 18</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>		<i>Liturgy at 7:30pm</i>
<i>Saturday,</i> <i>April 19</i>	<i>Easter Vigil</i>		<i>Rehersal at 9am</i> <i>Catechumens report at 7:45pm</i>
<i>Sunday,</i> <i>April 20</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
April 21	NO CLASS		
April 28	NO CLASS		
May 5	TBD	Bible: Acts 5:14-16; Acts 19:11-12 CCC: 1667-1690 TFE: 36	Fr. Nugent
May 12	Where Do I Go from Here? The Call to Holiness		<i>Guest Speaker</i>
May 19	Closing dinner w/ parish heads of ministry		Fr. Fisher Fr. Nugent