

RCIA dates for 2011-2012

Session #1-#6 at Sacred Heart

- #1 September 19 – Introduction, Orientation to RCIA Process (joint)
CU – *Are Our Images of God Growing?* (0691)
CU – *The Abundance of God and Our Christian Response* (0611)
(Overview of the RCIA Process, explanation of the calendar of topics/events, discussion of Images of God, CUs sent to all in advance.)
- #2 September 26 – Introduction to Scripture (joint)
CU - *A Popular Guide to Reading the Bible* (1284)
Scriptographic Booklet - *The Bible and You*
BJ - Chapters 1 & 2
CCC - #101-141
(Review of Scripture basics: make up of the Bible, literary forms, Scriptural truth, different translations, editions, etc.)
- #3 October 3 – Part II, Scripture: Salvation History (joint)
CU - *The Whole Bible at a Glance* (0489)
(Same materials as Intro. to Scripture session)
(Overview of theme of covenant in Scripture and the most important points for the narrative through the Old Testament to Jesus.)
- #4 October 10 (Columbus Day) – Who is Jesus (joint)
CU – *Finding the Heart of Jesus' Life (in the Gospels)* (1203)
Who Is Jesus (0985)
BJ - Chapters 3-8
CCC - #422 – 682
(Literary form of *gospel* and what we learn of Jesus through Scripture. Theological development of what we believe about Jesus through the ages.)
- #5 October 17 – What is Church? (joint)
CU - *What Does It Mean to 'Be Church'?* (0585)
BJ - Chapter 13
CCC - #748 – 870
(Church is more than a building. What did the very early Christian community look like? What does Church look like today? How do we build Church?)
- October 24 - Church tour, Catholic practices (home parish)
CU – *A Tour of the Catholic Church* (0391)
- October 31 (Halloween) – No session

#6 November 7 – Teaching Authority of the Church (joint)

CU - *Tradition in the Catholic Church* (1081)

Infallibility and Church Authority (0388)

BJ - Chapter 14

CCC - # 871 – 9453

(What is Tradition? Can it change? What if I have difficulty with some Church teachings? Hierarchy of Truth.)

Sessions #7 - #14 at St. Sebastian's

#7 November 14 – Mass: Liturgy of the Word (joint)

CU - *A Walk Through the Mass* (0889, revised 2005)

CCC - #1322 – 1419

(Detailed step by step walk through the Gathering Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. What is the Roman Missal and the Lectionary?)

#8 November 21 (Mon. before Thanksgiving) – Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist (joint)

CU - *A Walk Through the Mass* (0889)

Liturgy of the Eucharist (0503)

(Detailed walk through the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Dismissal Rites.)

November 27 (First Sunday of Advent) – Rite of Acceptance (home parish)

#9 November 28 – Liturgical Year and Advent (joint)

CU – *Celebrating Advent in Your Home* (1191)

The Liturgical Year (1195)

CCC - # 1135 – 1199

(Overview of the Liturgical Year and specifics about Advent, its mode, themes, importance.)

#10 December 5 – Who is Mary? (joint)

CU - *In Search of the Real Mary* (0501)

Mary of Nazareth: Jesus' Mother, Our Mother (0591)

The Rosary: A Prayer For All Seasons (0803)

BJ - Chapter 26

CCC - # 484 – 511 & 963 – 975

(What do we know about Mary from Scripture, from Tradition? How can she be our model? Introduction to the Rosary.)

#11 December 12 – Prayer (joint)

CU – *Pathways of Prayer* (0381)

Christian Spirituality: Many Styles, One Spirit (0598)

An Invitation to Prayer (0292)

BJ - Chapter 12

CCC - #2558 – 2865

(Difference between Liturgical prayer and private prayer. Focus mostly on various forms of private prayer.)

December 19 – No Session

December 26 - No Session

January 2 - No Session

12 January 9 (Day after Epiphany) – Introduction to Sacrament (joint)

CU - *Sacraments: It All Starts With Jesus* (0893)

The Seven Sacraments - Symbols of God's Care (0483)

BJ - Chapter 16

CCC - # 1210 – 1212

(Introduction to a “sacramental life,” meaning of “sacrament,” overview of the Church’s 7)

#13 January 16 - Baptism (joint)

CU - *The Sacrament of Baptism - Celebrating the Embrace of God* (0389)

BJ - Chapter 17

CCC - # 1213 - 1284

(Roots of Baptism in Scripture, importance of Baptism, focus on adult Baptism.)

#14 January 23 - Confirmation (joint)

CU - *Confirmation: A Deepening of Our Christian Identity* (1095)

BJ - Chapter 18

CCC - # 1285 – 1321

(Confirmation in history, relation to Baptism, its theology today, gifts and fruits of the Spirit.)

January 30 – (Make up session in case of snow, or home parish meet with spouses, sponsors, candidates, home parish choice)

#15 - #22 at St. Martha’s

#15 February 6 – Eucharist (joint)

CU - *Real Presence in the Eucharist* (0996)

Eucharist: A Short History (1006)

Finding Jesus in the Eucharist: Four Ways He is Present (0705)

BJ - Chapter 15

CCC- # 1322 – 1419

(Overview of the history of celebrating the Eucharist, meaning of Real Presence, Eucharistic devotion.)

#16 February 13 - Creed (**joint**)

CU - *Faith Essentials for Catholics: The Creed* (0785)

The Trinity (0788)

BJ – Chapter 11

CCC - # 26 – 1065

(A look at what we believe in the Creed with an emphasis on Trinity.)

#17 February 20 – Lenten Practices (**joint**)

CU – *Ash Wednesday: Our Shifting Understanding of Lent* (0204)

Lent: A 40 Day Retreat

Lenten Customs: Baptism is the Key (0302)

(The what, why and “how to” of Lent, its relation to Baptism, how it fits into the liturgical calendar.)

(Ash Wed. Feb. 22)

February 25/26 – First Sunday of Lent, Cathedral, Rite of Election

February 27- Evening of Reflection (6:30 -9:30) (Place TBD)

#18 March 5 - Contemporary Moral Issues (**joint**)

CU – *Abortion: What the Church Teaches* (0898)

End of Life Ethics: Preparing Now for the Hour of Death (0806)

Stem-Cell Research: How Catholic Ethics Guides Us (0102)

The Death Penalty: Why the Church Speaks a Countercultural Message
(0195)

(A look at some of the issues with which our contemporary world struggles.)

#19 March 12 - Conscience Formation (**joint**)

CU - *Understanding Sin Today* (0197)

The Ten Commandments: Sounds of Love From Sinai (0989)

Catholic Morality (0896)

Your Conscience and Church Teaching (1282)

BJ - Chapter 23, 24, 25

CCC - #1776 – 1802, # 1846 – 1876

(How do we/should we form our consciences today? What factors influence our moral decision making? What should influence our decisions?)

#20 March 19 - Reconciliation (**joint**)

CU - *The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrating God's Forgiveness* (0386)

BJ - Chapter 19

CCC - # 1420 – 1498

(How do we celebrate Reconciliation today? Focus on God's tremendous love for us in this sacrament, e.g. Prodigal Son.)

March 26 – Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**joint**, place to be determined)

April 2 (Holy Week) – Rehearsal for Easter Vigil (home parish)

April 7 (Sat., Easter Vigil)

April 9 - No Session

April 16 - Theological Reflection on the Easter Sacraments (Debriefing) (Home Parish)

#21 April 23 - Holy Orders (**joint**)

CU - *Holy Orders: Priesthood in Transition* (0797)

CCC - # 1533 – 1600

BJ – Chapter 22

(Something of the ordination ceremony and what it calls the candidate to. A day in the life of a priest.)

#22 April 30 – Marriage (**joint**)

CU - *Spirituality of Marriage* (0597)

BJ - Chapter 21

CCC - #1601 - 1666

(What makes a truly sacramental marriage? A look at the ceremony and what the vows really mean.)

May 7 - Final Session, picnic (St. Joseph)

Host parishes:

Unit I – joint sessions # 1-6, Sacred Heart

Unit II – joint sessions #7-14, St. Sebastian

Unit III – joint sessions #15-22, St. Martha

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BJ = Believing in Jesus

CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church