

The Time of Enlightenment & Purification

This period begins a short but intense time of spiritual preparation . It includes a number of rituals celebrated with the local and larger community and ends with the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

March 4 [Sunday]—DST!!!
Lent 3

March 11 [Sunday]
Lent 4
Scrutiny 1

March 18 [Sunday]
Lent 5
Scrutiny 2
GIFT Noon-2:30

March 25 [Sunday]
Palm Sunday
Retreat Day?
10am to 4pm

March 29 [Thursday]
Holy Thursday
7pm

March 30 [Friday]
Good Friday
Noon or 7pm

March 31 [Saturday]
Holy Saturday
Rehearsal Noon-1pm
Easter Vigil 7pm
Reception to follow!

Mystagogy: Processing the Experience/Immersion into the Community

We meet a few times during the Easter season to "unpack" the sacrament experience and to enter more fully into the community

April 8 [Sunday]
Easter 2
Meet at 9:30am

May 20 [Sunday] Pentecost/
Discernment/Parish blessing

We may meet for an additional service or worship opportunity date TBA

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Welcome!

If you are reading this, you have begun to ponder the journey to enter or to come into the fullness of the Catholic Church. This is good news not only for you, but for this entire community of faith! Your desire to grow in relationship with Christ is not only a personal choice, but is also manifested in and through relationship with the Body of Christ, the Church, the People of God! Jesus tells us, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
[Matthew 18:20]

The RCIA is a process that can be characterized in this way: "[The RCIA] is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully."
[The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A Pastoral Commentary, J. Michael McMahon, 19.]

There are four periods that belong to this process:

1. Precatechumenate—Inquiry and pondering
2. Catechumenate—scripture, faith sharing, catechesis
3. Purification/Enlightenment—intense spiritual preparation
4. Mystagogia—celebration of the sacraments/Easter season

Calendar for 2017-2018

The Precatechumenate: a Time of Inquiry & Growth

Beginning your journey is as easy as this:

- Kindly contact Nancie Chmielewski at 414-545-4316x13 to schedule an informal meeting. You may receive information regarding joining the parish, meet pastoral staff, and share a little about yourself.
- After this initial meeting, you will be directed to Gerry Felsecker, who co-ordinates the Period of Inquiry. This period usually involves about 4 gatherings with other "Inquirers" at times that work for the group.
- Inquiry is a time for you to ask questions and to learn about Jesus, the Catholic Church and Catholicism, the Bible, the Sacraments and other questions you have about faith and God.
- At the end of this period, you will discern if you are ready to continue this journey of faith in the Catholic church. If so, you will gather with the RCIA team and the other inquirers for a relaxed event called, "Who, What, & Why"



The Catechumenate: a time of Catechesis and Faith sharing

*This step of the journey begins with the Rite of Welcome/Acceptance and ends with the Rite of Sending/Election. The catechumenate is marked by these two public rituals, which affords the community the opportunity to come to know, recognize and pray for and with you. **You will now meet every Sunday at 10:00am in Room 3, sit together for the first part of the Mass (the Liturgy of the Word) and then be dismissed back to room 3 to process the Scriptures and continue to learn about the faith you seek. We generally meet until Noon or 12:30. Additionally, we ask you to be a part of the GIFT program, so as to meet the community and learn more about our faith.***

<u>November 19</u> [Sunday] Rite of Welcome/ Acceptance Feast of Christ the King	<u>January 21</u> [Sunday] Ordinary 3
<u>November 26</u> [Sunday] Feast of Christ the King	<u>January 28</u> [Sunday] Ordinary 4 GIFT Noon-2:30
<u>December 3</u> [Sunday] Advent 1	<u>February 4</u> [Sunday] Ordinary 5
<u>December 10</u> [Sunday] Advent 2/GIFT Noon-2:30	<u>February 11</u> [Sunday] Ordinary 6
<u>December 17</u> [Sunday] Advent 3	<u>February 14</u> [Wednesday] Ash Wednesday Noon or 7pm
<u>December 24</u> [Sunday] Christmas Eve—No Mtg	<u>February 18</u> [Sunday] Lent 1 GIFT Noon-2:30
<u>December 31</u> [Sunday] New Year's Eve—No Mtg	<u>February 25</u> [Sunday] Lent 2 Rite of Sending [OLOL] Rite of Election [Cathedral]
<u>January 7</u> [Sunday] Epiphany/GIFT Noon-2:30	
<u>January 14</u> [Sunday] Ordinary 2	