RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

SYLLABUS 2019–2020

Meetings take place from 6:30 to 7:30pm approximately every other Tuesday in the Parish Center.

Readings and Prayers are from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (2006), which can be accessed online at http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca/ or purchased on Amazon.

Participants should also have access to the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE), either in a printed or online format (http://usccb.org/bible/index.cfm).

*Items with an asterisk denote parish wide or diocese events that RCIA participants are encouraged to attend.

PART I. THE CREED: THE FAITH PROFESSED

*Forgotten Clef’s Concert and Reception (September 14)
7:30pm

How to Pray: Lectio Divina and the Rosary (September 24)
Prayer: Sunday Gospel reading
Reading: none

*Vespers (Evening Prayer) (October 8)
6:30pm

*Richmond Concert Choral and Jefferson Baroque Concert (October 27)
7:00pm

The Creed: “I Believe” (October 15)
Prayer: Act of Faith (pp. 533–534)
Reading: Chapter 4: “Bring About the Obedience of Faith” (pp. 36–47)

The Most Holy Trinity (October 29)
Prayer: Glory Be (Doxology) (p. 532)
Reading: Chapter 5: “I Believe in God” (pp. 49–63)

*The Solemnity of All Saints [All Saints Day] (October 31 – November 1)
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses: October 31 (vigil): 5:30pm; November 1: 8:30am, 7:00pm

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* (All Souls’ Day) (November 2)
10:00am (Mass)

*Diocesan Catholic Women’s Conference* (November 2),
St. Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg, VA

*Mass for Miscarried Children* (November 7)
5:30 pm (Mass)

Christology: Jesus Christ, the Son of God (November 12)
Prayer: Morning Offering (p. 533)
Reading: Chapter 7: “The Good News: God Has Sent His Son” (pp. 77–87)
Chapter 8: “The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ” (pp. 89–100)

*Family Fun Night* (November 15)
5:30-9:30pm

Ecclesiology: the Church (November 26)
Prayer: Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory (p. 537)
Reading: Chapter 10: “The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ” (pp. 111–123)
Chapter 11: “The Four Marks of the Church” (pp. 125–139)

*The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (December 8) [Patronal Feastday of the United States of America]

* Holy Day of Obligation not transferred because it falls on a Sunday.
Masses: December 9: 7:00am

Mariology: the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (December 10)
Prayer: Hail Mary (p. 532), Angelus (p. 535)
Reading: Chapter 12: “Mary: the Church’s First and Most Perfect Member” (pp. 142–149)

*Karoling with Kumro with Blessing of Christmas Tree* (December 12)
6:30–9:00pm

*“O” Antiphons Holy Hour* (December 17)
6:30–8:00pm
*Lessons and Carols* (December 20)
11:30am - 12:30pm

*The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord* [Christmas] (December 24–25)

*Holy Day of Obligation*
Masses: December 24 (vigil): 5:30pm; December 25: 12:00 Midnight, 10:00am

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God* (December 31–January 1)

*Holy Day of Obligation*
Masses: December 31 (Vigil): 5:30pm, adoration to follow until Midnight; January 1: 10:00am

Reading the Bible: Scripture and Tradition (January 7)
Prayer: Act of Love (p. 534)
Reading: Chapter 3: “Proclaim the Gospel to Every Creature” (pp. 21–33)

Eschatology: The Last Things (January 21)
*Class will be from 6:45-7:45 pm this night.*
Prayer: Act of Hope (p. 534)
Reading: Chapter 13: “Our Eternal Destiny” (pp. 151–162)

*Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children* (January 22)
5:30 pm (Mass)

*Vespers (Evening Prayer)* (January 28)
6:30pm

*Three Notch’d Road Concert* (January 31)
7:00pm

PART II. THE SACRAMENTS: THE FAITH CELEBRATED

Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation (February 4)
Prayer: Prayer to the Holy Spirit (p. 534)
Reading: Chapter 14: “The Celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ” (pp. 166–170)
Chapter 15: “Baptism: Becoming a Christian” (pp. 181–199)
Chapter 16: “Confirmation: Consecrated for Mission” (pp. 201–211)

*Family Movie Night* (February 21)
(6:30pm)
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (February 25)
Prayer: Anima Christi (p. 537)
Reading: Chapter 17: “The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life”
(pp. 213–222)

*Ash Wednesday (February 26)
Fasting and abstinence from meat are obligatory on this day.
Masses: 1:30pm, 7:00pm

The Liturgical Year (March 10)
Prayer: Memorare (p. 535)
Reading: Chapter 14: “The Celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ”
(pp. 165–179)

*Parish Mission (March 18–19)
5:30–8:00pm

*Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference (March 21)
St. Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg, VA

The Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist (March 24)
Prayer: An Act of Spiritual Communion (p. 534)
Reading: Chapter 17: “The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life”
(pp. 222–232)

*Parish Clean-up Day, Outdoor Edition (March 28)
10:00am-12:00noon

*Lenten Concert (March 29)
7:00pm

HOLY WEEK

*Chrism Mass (April 6, 6:00pm) [Monday of Holy Week]
Optional: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond

*Holy Thursday (April 9)
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00pm
Adoration to follow until Midnight.

*Good Friday (April 10)
Fasting and abstinence from meat are obligatory on this day
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

*Holy Saturday* (April 11)
*Fasting and abstinence from meat are recommended on this day*
Lauds (Morning Prayer): 9:00am
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:00pm

*Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord* (April 12)
Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am

**Sacraments of Vocation and Service: Holy Orders and Marriage** (April 21)
Prayer: Queen of Heaven (*Regina Caeli*)
Reading: Chapter 20: “Holy Orders” (pp. 261–275)
Chapter 21: “The Sacrament of Marriage” (pp. 277–292)

*Centennial Mass with Bishop Knestout* (April 26)
11:00am (Mass)

*Vespers (Evening Prayer)* (April 28)
6:30pm

**Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing of the Sick** (May 5)
Prayer: Act of Contrition (traditional version) (p. 536)
Reading: Chapter 18: “Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: God is Rich in Mercy” (pp. 233–247)
Chapter 19: “Anointing of the Sick and Dying” (pp. 249–259)

**PART III. CHRISTIAN MORALITY: THE FAITH LIVED**

**Theological and Cardinal Virtues** (May 19)
Prayer: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (p. 538)
Reading: Chapter 23: “Life in Christ—Part One” (pp. 307–321)

**Ten Commandments, Part I** (June 2)
Prayer: Divine Praises (p. 537)
Reading: Chapter 25: “The First Commandment: Believe in the True God” (pp. 339–349)
Chapter 26: “The Second Commandment: Reverence God’s Name” (pp. 351–359)
Chapter 27: “The Third Commandment: Love the Lord’s Day” (pp. 361–371)

**Ten Commandments, Part II** (June 16)
Prayer: Hail, Holy Queen (p. 535)
Reading: Chapter 31: “The Seventh Commandment: Do Not Steal—Act Justly” (pp. 417–428)
Chapter 32: “The Eighth Commandment: Tell the Truth” (pp. 429–438)
Chapter 33: “The Ninth Commandment: Practice Purity of Heart” (pp. 439–446)
Chapter 34: “The Tenth Commandment: Embrace Poverty of Spirit” (pp. 447–457)

**Marriage and Family Life** (June 30)
Prayer: Grace Before Meals, Grace After Meals (p. 536)
Reading: Chapter 28: “Fourth Commandment: Strengthen Your Family” (pp. 373–385)
Chapter 30: “The Sixth Commandment: Marital Fidelity” (pp. 403–416)

**Respect Life** (July 14)
Prayer: Prayer for Peace (p. 537)
Reading: Chapter 29: “The Fifth Commandment: Promote the Culture of Life” (pp. 387–402)

**Social Doctrine** (July 28)
Prayer: Jesus Prayer (p. 536)
Reading: Chapter 24: “Life in Christ—Part Two” (pp. 323–338)

**PART IV. PRAYER: THE FAITH PRAYED**

**Prayer** (August 11)
Prayer: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (p. 538)
Reading: Chapter 35: “God Calls Us to Pray” (pp. 461–480)

*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (August 14–15)

*Holy Day of Obligation*
Masses: August 14 (vigil): 5:30pm; August 15: 7:00pm

**The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father** (August 25)
Prayer: Our Father (p. 532)
Reading: Chapter 36: “Jesus Taught Us to Pray” (pp. 481–495)

**How to Pray: Lectio Divina and the Rosary** (September 8)
Prayer: Sunday Gospel reading
Reading: Sunday Gospel reading (Sunday following RCIA class)