

# Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (2023-24)

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## Mission Statement:

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is the normal process by which non-Catholics can enter the Catholic Church. However, RCIA classes are open to anyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith.

## Classes:

We offer in-person classes. But we will also plan to stream classes. Classes will be held on posted Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30AM.

## Resources:

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*  
*Outlines of the Catholic Faith (OCF)*  
*Catholic Christianity (CC)*

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## Calendar Key:

⊕ RCIA class or activity  
✝ Holy Day of Obligation

# RCIA Class Schedule 2023-24

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 ⊕ Class 1	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ⊕ Class 2	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 ⊕ Class 3	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Class 1: Introduction to RCIA (Sunday 9/10)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: An introduction to the Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program (or RCIA for short).

## Class 2: Basic Theology and Apologetics (Sunday 9/17)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: Is there really a God? Is it faith opposed to reason? In this class, we attempt to answer these and other foundational questions on faith.

Resources: CCC 31, 33-35, 46, 48, 286, 2127.

## Class 3: Christian Theology (Sunday 9/24)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: What are the basic doctrines and dogmas Catholic Christians subscribe to? In this class, we explore the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Divinity of Christ.

Resources: CCC 198, OCF pp. 7-8,12: CCC 470-78.



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October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Class 4</b>						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Class 5</b>	Columbus Day					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Class 6</b>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Class 7</b>						
29	30	31				
<b>Class 8</b>						

## **Class 4: What We Believe – The Creed (Sunday 10/1)**

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The ancient Apostle's and Nicene Creeds formed the blueprint for the faith of the early Christians. In this class we explore history and the theology of the creeds with emphasis on the Nicene Creed.

Resources: OCF pp. 6-18.

## **Class 5: The Bible (Sunday 10/8)**

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus and Karen Tucker

Description: In this class, we explore the basic structure and various themes of the Bible. We will also introduce and explore The Bible Timeline, a concise, graphical summary pamphlet detailing all of salvation history.

Resources: CCC 74-141, 748-962.

## **Class 6: The Lord's Prayer (Sunday 10/15)**

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus

Description: The Our Father is the iconic prayer that Jesus Christ himself taught us to pray. You have probably said this prayer countless times before. But have you ever really focused on what the prayer is saying? In this class we examine this most perfect of Christian prayers.

Resources: CCC 2759-2865.

## **Class 7: Sin, Forgiveness, Repentance and Conversion + Four Marks of the Church (Sunday 10/22)**

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: We sin. God forgives. We repent. That leads to our conversion. In this class we explore, in greater detail, the mystery of God's economy of salvation.

Resources: OCF pp. 2-3, 15-17, 48-51, 63.

## **Class 8: Eternal Destiny (Sunday 10/29)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we discuss mankind's eternal destiny. Specific topics for discussion will be the four last things (death, judgment, heaven and hell), purgatory, and indulgences.

Resources: CCC 769, 778, 1042, 1053, 2796.

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November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 + All Saint's Day	2 All Soul's Day	3	4
5 Daylight's Saving Time + Class 9	6	7	8	9	10 Veteran's Day	11
12 + Class 10	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 + Class 11	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## **Class 9: Eschatology (Sunday 11/5)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: Eschatology is the theological study that deals with death, judgment, and the final destiny of all souls. In this class we explore the Catholic view of these topics.

Resources: CCC 676, 1186, 2771, 2776; OCF pp. 2, 6-7, 10-13, 17-18, 21, 27, 29, 48, 58, 62..

## **Class 10: The Mass Explained (Sunday 11/12)**

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The Mass is the historical and liturgical form of Catholic Christian worship. In this class we step through and explain the various parts of the Mass, including the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Resources: CCC 1066-1209; OCF 26, 39, 63.

## **Class 11: The Kingdom of God + The Church (Sunday 11/19)**

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: What is the Kingdom of God? Does it refer to a future kingdom on earth after Jesus' coming? Or does the kingdom exist here and now? Learn what the Bible (and the Church) have to say on the matter.

Resources: CCC 671, 677, 680, 763, 1042, 1060, 1720, 2046, 2804, 2816-21, 2859.

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December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 First Sunday of Advent ⊕ Rite of Acceptance	4	5	6	7	8 ⊕ Feast of Immaculate Conception	9
10 ⊕ Class 12	11	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14	15	16
17 ⊕ Class 13	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 ⊕ Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

## Rite of Acceptance (Sunday 12/3)

Description: In the Rite of Acceptance, candidates and catechumens are invited to attend the 8AM Mass where they are introduced to the parish. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that dates to the earliest days of the church, and one that is still faithfully practiced in the Catholic church. After Mass, there will be no formal class. If the situation permits, there will be a short reception in Holtmann Hall.

## Class 12: The Blessed Virgin Mary (Sunday 12/10)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus and Karen Tucker

Description: The Blessed Virgin Mary is held in high esteem in the Catholic faith. After all, she is the mother of God (being the literal mother of Jesus Christ). As such, she exemplifies what each of us are called to be - members of the Holy Family of God.

## Class 13: Salvation (Sunday 12/17)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: In this class we explore the Catholic doctrine of salvation. How is a person "saved"? How do Catholic beliefs on salvation differ from those held by other Christian professions of faith?

Resources: CCC 456-57, 519, 588, 600-02, 851, 1019, 1696, 1811, 1949; OCF pp. 3-4, 21, 34, 37, 50.



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January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6  Epiphany
7  ✚ Class 14	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  ✚ Class 15	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21  ✚ Class 16	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  ✚ Class 17	29	30	31			

### **Class 14: History of the Church (Sunday 1/8)**

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The Catholic Church is an ancient organization, dating back some 2000 years, all the way back to the time of Jesus Christ himself. In this class we touch on the high points and low points of Catholic history.

### **Class 15: Catholic Buffet (Sunday 1/15)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: A class where we talk about a host of Catholic topics: lives of the Saints, Praying to the Saints, how we should respond to questions about our faith, the problem with evil, etc.

### **Class 16: Christian Morality I – The Ten Commandments (Sunday 1/22)**

Instructor: Mike May

Description: Human beings have been made in the image of God Who is all powerful, all knowing, and all good. What does God expect of us? In what ways are we called to be like Him? In this class we examine how the Ten Commandments give the standard of Christian morality. We will also talk about their New Testament corollaries, the Eight Beatitudes.

### **Class 17: Christian Morality II – The Eight Beatitudes, and the Seven Virtues and the Seven Vices (Sunday 1/29)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class, we continue our discussion on Christian morality with a discussion on the Eight Beatitudes, the Seven Virtues and the Seven Vices, and the necessity of good works.

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February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 ⊕ Class 18	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ⊕ Class 19	12	13	14 Valentine's Day First Day of Lent Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18 ⊕ Rite of Election ⊕ Class 20	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25 ⊕ Class 21	26	27	28	29		

## **Class 18: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (Sunday 2/4)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we introduce the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Resources: OCF pp. 19-28.

## **Class 19: The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (Sunday 2/11)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we introduce the two Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

Resources: OCF pp. 29-33.

## **Rite of Election (Sunday 2/18)**

Description: The Rite of Election is another ancient rite of the Catholic Church. Candidates and catechumens are again asked to attend the 8AM Mass. This time, candidates and catechumens will express their desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, if this is their will. Class follows (see next capsule for class details).

## **Class 20: The Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony (Sunday 2/18)**

Instructor: TBD

Description: In this class we introduce the two Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony.




## **Class 21: The Eucharist I (Sunday 2/25)**

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (CCC 1324). Why do Catholics heap such praise upon this Sacrament, otherwise known as the Lord's Supper?

Resources: CCC 1322-1419.

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March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 + Class 22	4	5	6	7	8	9 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 
Spring Break						
Daylight Savings 17 	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day						
24 + Class 23	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 + Easter Vigil Holy Saturday
31 Easter Sunday						

## Class 22: The Eucharist II (Sunday 3/3)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (CCC 1324). Why do Catholics heap such praise upon this Sacrament, otherwise known as the Lord's Supper?

Resources: CCC 1322-1419.

## Class 23: Becoming Catholic (Sunday 3/24)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: This is the last class, before the Easter Vigil, when prospective candidates and catechumens will be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. In this class we review and reflect upon all that we have learned.

## Easter Vigil (Saturday 3/30)

Description: On the Easter Vigil, held on Holy Saturday, candidates and catechumens wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church receive the three Sacraments of Initiation.

“This is my  
body ...”



“... this is my  
blood”

Mark 14:22-24



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April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 ⊕ Class 24	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

## Class 24: Mystagogy (Sunday 4/2)

Instructor: Karen Tucker

Description: Mystagogy – or the “revealing of the mysteries” – is the last official act of the RCIA process. In ancient times, Mystagogy defined the final revelation of the Sacraments and their meaning. Today, Mystagogy is used to introduce new Catholics to the Catholic way of life.

