

RCIA SYLLABUS
2023 - 2024

FIRST STEP: ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF PRE-CATECHUMENATE

September 6th	Session #1 What is Catholicism? Part 1 Catholicism: Parts I & II -- CCC 26-175
September 13th	Session #2 What is Catholicism? Part 2
September 20th	Session #3 The Meaning of Humanity
September 27th	Session #4 The Mystery of God The Mystery of God -- CCC 199-42
October 4th	Session #5 Tour of the Church
October 11th	Fall Break
October 18th	Session #6 The Person of Jesus - Part 1 Jesus in the Gospels – CCC 422-682
October 25th	Session #7 The Person of Jesus - Part 2
November 1st	All Saints Day Mass
November 8th	Session #8 Walk through Mass
November 15th	Session #9 Making Time Sacred: The Liturgy Liturgical Year -- CCC 1163-117

November 22nd Thanksgiving – No Session

November 29th Session #10
Holy Spirit

PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE

December 3rd First Sunday of Advent
Rite of Acceptance for all Candidates/Catechumens/
Sponsors
Scripture Study Begins after 9 a.m. Mass

Scripture Study after 9 a.m. Mass and each Sunday
at this time until Palm Sunday unless notified

December 6th Session #11
Introduction to Scripture - Part 1

December 10th Walk Through Bethlehem
Volunteer as a family or individual
Create a live Nativity for our Parish!

December 13th Session #12
Introduction to Scripture - Part 2

December 20th & 27th Christmas break (no session)

January 3rd Session #13
Mystery of the Church
The Church: It's Meaning & Mission – CCC 748-948

January 10th Session #14
Introduction to the Sacraments (Sacraments and
Sacramentals)

January 17th Session #15
Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation,
Eucharist
Baptism – CCC 1210-1284
Confirmation – CCC 1285-1321
The Eucharist – CCC 1322-1419

- January 24th Session #16
 Sacraments of Healing & Forgiveness: Anointing
 of the Sick and Reconciliation (Penance)
 Anointing of the Sick – CCC 1499-1535
 Penance – CCC 1422-1498
- January 31st Session #17
 Sacraments of Vocation & Commitment: Marriage
 & Holy Orders
 Holy Orders – CCC 1536-1600
 Marriage – CCC 1601-1666
- February 7th Session #18
 Prayer & Spiritual Life
 Prayer & the Spiritual Life – CCC 2558-2865
- February 14th Ash Wednesday
 6 p.m. Mass in the Church

SECOND STEP: ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES
PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ELIGHTENMENT

- February 18th First Sunday of Lent
 Rite of Sending 9 o'clock Mass
 All RCIA Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors
- Rite of Election
 3 p.m. Location at the Catholic Pastoral Center
 All RCIA Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors

Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 pm

Enter Door #2

Catholic Pastoral Center

2800 McGavock Pike

Nashville, TN 37214

Includes all Parishes in the Diocese of Nashville

February 21st	Session #19 Mary and the Saints Mary & the Saints – CCC 946-975
February 25th	Penitential Rite (For Candidates & Their Sponsors only)
February 26th	Church Penance Service 7:00 pm in the Church (This is only a suggested date)
February 28th	Session #20 Christian Morality Christian Morality – CCC 976-987 and CCC 1691-2051
March 3rd	1st Scrutiny (For Catechumens, Their Sponsors and Godparents only)
March 6th	Session #21 Church History
March 10th	2nd Scrutiny (For Catechumens, Their Sponsors and Godparents only)
March 13th	Spring Break – No Session
March 17th	3rd Scrutiny (For Catechumens, Their Sponsors and Godparents only)
March 20th	Session #22 The Last Things – Heaven, Hell & Purgatory The Last Things: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory – CCC 988-1060
Saturday, March 23rd	Candidate/Catechumens Retreat & Sponsors Siena Hall, Aquinas College 8:00 a.m. - Dismiss at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday
Last Sunday for Scripture Study

THIRD STEP: CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

March 24th

Holy Week Preview

March 27th

Chrism Mass
Catholic Center

March 28th

Holy Thursday

March 29th

Good Friday

March 30th

Easter Vigil

PERIOD OF POST BAPTISMALCATECHESIS OR MYSTAGOGY

April 3rd

Session #23
Mystagogy: Reflection on Holy Week
especially the Easter Vigil

April 10th

Session #24
Tour of the Dominican Mother House
with Compline Prayers @ 6:30 pm

May 1st

Session #25
Ministries of the Church
and Service to God

May 8th

(Tentative)
Mass & Dinner at Home of:
Sal and Kristin Lombardi
1116 Radnor Glen Drive
Brentwood, TN 37027
(Need to Confirm)
Mass at 6 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner to follow