

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Schedule of Meetings, 2021-22

St. Mary Parish, Spokane Valley and St. Joseph Parish, Otis Orchards

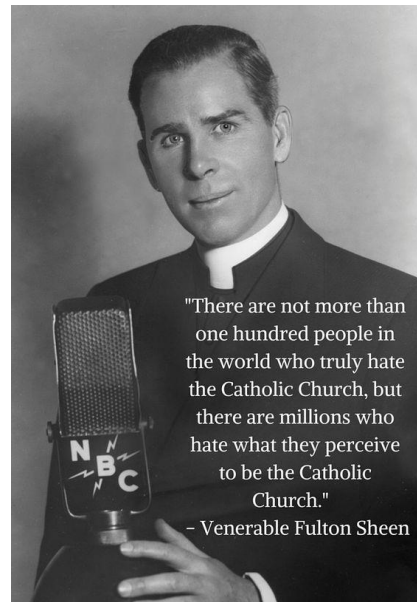
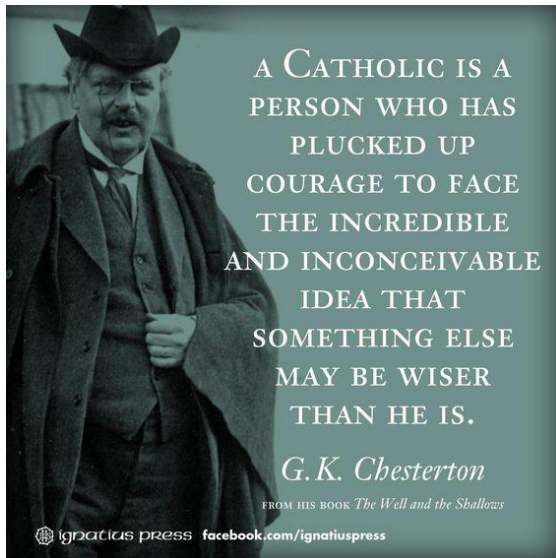
Date	Scripture Readings for Upcoming Sunday	Topic for Discussion	Relevant Chapter*
Sept. 14	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37	Welcome & Introduction; Overview of the Catholic Faith	handout
Sept. 21	Nehemiah 11:25-29; Ps 19; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & The God Who is Love	Part I, Ch. 1
Sept. 28	Gen 2:18-24; Ps 128; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16	Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & The Compass for Our Lives	Part I, Ch. 2
Oct. 5	Wisdom 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30	The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity	handout
Oct. 12	Isaiah 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45	Walk Through the Mass and Tour of Church (<i>at respective parishes</i>)	III, Ch. 1 handout
Oct. 19	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52	The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption	Part I, Ch. 3 & 4
Oct. 26	Det 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 11:28b-34	What is a Saint?	handout
Nov. 2	1 Kings 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44	The Most Holy Trinity	I, Ch. 2 & handout
Nov. 9	Daniel 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14; Mk 13:24-32	Who is Jesus Christ: The Incarnation	I, Ch. 5 & handout
Nov. 16	Daniel 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (Christ the King)	The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection	I, Ch. 8 & handout
Nov. 23	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (Advent)	The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us	Part I, Ch. 6
Nov. 30	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6	The Church: Its Nature and Mission	Part I, Ch. 7
Saturday, Dec. 4	Evening Retreat on Prayer (Tentative) 4:00pm until 8:00pm (Mass at 5:30 and Dinner included)		
Dec. 7	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18	Mary: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints	Part III, Ch. 11
Saturday, Dec. 12	Rite of Acceptance at 5:00pm Mass		
Dec. 14	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45	Praying the Rosary and other Devotions	III, Ch 9 Handout
Dec. 21 & 28	No Meetings: Merry Christmas!		

Jan. 4	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	The Last Things: Death and Judgment	Part I, Ch. 9 & 10
Jan. 11	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11	The Apostle's Creed: Recap of the Content of our Faith	Handout
Jan. 18	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21	The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation	Part III Ch. 2 & 3
Jan. 25	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30	The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life	Part III, Ch. 4
Feb. 1	Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy	Part III, Ch. 1
Feb. 8	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26	Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed	Part III, Ch. 5 & 8
Feb. 15	1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38	Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service and Communion	Part III, Ch. 6 & 7
Feb. 22	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45	A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace, and the Path of Happiness	Part II, Ch. 1 & 2
Mar 1	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91 Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13	Making Moral Decisions	Part II, Ch. 3 & 4
Sunday, March 6	Rite of Sending at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish (Time to be announced) Rite of Election at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral (Time to be announced)		
Mar 8	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36	Review of the 10 Commandments; Commandments of the New Covenant	Part II, Ch. 5-10
Mar 15	Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42	1 st Scrutiny Retreat	Handout
March 20	1 st Scrutiny (9am Mass at St. Mary, tba at St. Joseph)		
Mar 22	1 Sam 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	2 nd Scrutiny Retreat	Handout
March 26	2 nd Scrutiny (5:00pm Mass at St. Mary, tba at St. Joseph)		
Mar 29	Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45	3 rd Scrutiny Retreat	Handout
April 3	3 rd Scrutiny (11:30am Mass at St. Mary, tba at St. Joseph)		
April 5	Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47	Palm Sunday Retreat; Preparation for Sacred Triduum	Handout
April 12	No meeting <i>Holy Week Events</i>		
Saturday, April 16	Rehearsal for Easter Vigil (10:00am at St. Mary, tba at St. Joseph) Easter Vigil at 8:00pm , Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist); Reception to follow		

April 19	Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31	Reflection and Connections—Easter Vigil and Easter Season	Handout
April 26	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19	History of the Catholic Church, Part 1	Handout
May 3	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30	History of the Catholic Church, Part 2	Handout
May 10	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rev 2:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35	History of the Catholic Church, Part 3	Handout
May 17	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29	Catholic Devotions and Practices, Part 1	Handout
May 24	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53	Catholic Devotions and Practices, Part 2	Handout

**You will be given a binder for handouts, a copy of Catholic Christianity (by Peter Kreeft) and a Catholic Bible. You are encouraged to use the Kreeft book to either preview or review on the topic we'll be discussing. You can access the Catechism of the Catholic Church online at www.vatican.va or www.usccb.org. We have a large selection of first-rate books available to borrow on specific topics—just ask us!*

Our meetings (6:30-8:00pm on Tuesday nights) will include prayer, reflections on the upcoming readings for Sunday Mass (you will be provided a handout with the Scripture passages, commentary and reflection questions), and presentation of a topic. There will be time for questions and discussion at each meeting. A main goal of RCIA is to help form a community of believers who can walk this journey of faith together—regular attendance and participation is essential for this to happen. Sponsors, spouses or another person who can support you are welcome (and strongly encouraged!) to attend with you.



Questions or can't make a meeting?

For St. Mary, call Marie Bricher at 509-928-3210, ext. 111 or mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org

For St. Joseph, call Gina McCauley at 509-926-7133 or gmccauley@dioceseofspokane.org.

The Process of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which a person is introduced to and welcomed into the Catholic Church. There are 4 major periods and 3 Rites (prayers) that mark the transitions from one period to another.

1. Period of Inquiry (or Pre-Catechumenate)	All who are exploring the Catholic Church, who wish to learn more and are considering joining the Church	<i>This period is of varying length, usually long before a person hears about the RCIA or thinks about joining it.</i>
<p>Rite of Acceptance: <i>the first formal rite (prayer) in which an inquirer expresses his/her desire to seriously examine the Catholic Church with the intention of receiving the Sacraments (received into the Order of Catechumens); the Church ‘accepts’ God’s invitation to the inquirer and affirms their support. The Rite of Acceptance often takes place during Advent. A Catechumen is someone wanting to join the Catholic Church who has not yet been baptized; a Candidate is a baptized Christian who wants to join the Catholic Church.</i></p>		
2. Period of the Catechumenate	A lengthy time of more intensive study of the doctrine, practices, prayers, and behaviors of the Catholic Church. An apprenticeship into the Catholic way of life.	<i>This period can last anywhere from several months to several years, depending upon the catechumen’s/candidate’s questions, background, growth in faith.</i>
<p>Rite of Election: <i>the second formal rite is the public enrollment of names of those who intend to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass of that year. Usually on the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens and candidates gather to be introduced to the Bishop and publicly state their desire to be prepared for Baptism/Reception into the Church. Catechumens are now called the “Elect”.</i></p>		
3. Period of Purification and Enlightenment	A time for the elect and candidates to reflect on their upcoming initiation into the Catholic Church, purifying their intentions and motives and becoming more enlightened about what this choice will mean in their lives.	<i>This period lasts for the season of Lent (40 days or 6 weeks). It includes 3 “Scrutiny” Sundays on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent.</i>
<p>Rite of Initiation (Reception of Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist): <i>the final Rite of the RCIA happens at Easter Vigil (the night before Easter Sunday). The Elect are baptized, confirmed and receive Holy Eucharist at a solemn (and long!) Mass. Candidates renew their baptismal promises, make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church, and also receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. These fully initiated Catholics are now called “neophytes” (new life, new light).</i></p>		
4. Period of Mystagogy (Post-Baptismal Catechesis)	The time to reflect upon the mysteries of the Sacraments, answering more questions as they arise and helping the neophytes feel welcomed and included.	<i>This period is usually of short duration as a formal program; the newly received are then encouraged to join other parish programs for more formation and opportunities to serve and get to know people</i>