

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



## **What is RCIA?**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the ministry of forming disciples in the truth and tradition of the Catholic Church. The focus of RCIA is centered on Jesus as Lord, Son of the Living One True God, celebrated through sacrament and community. Through weekly gatherings, individuals meet to prayerfully learn and grow in their faith, and at the same time, discern their call of living out their faith.

RCIA exists primarily as catechesis (teaching) and formation of those discerning their call to join the Catholic Church, as well as those who were baptized Catholic and have not received all of the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion). Those who are already fully-initiated Catholics are also invited to be a part of this faith-filled group to fill in gaps in their own religious formation, get a deeper, more mature understanding of their faith than what they received as a child, or simply to rejuvenate their enthusiasm and devotion in their faith.

## **What is the cost?**

There is no cost to participate in RCIA.

## **Do I have to commit to joining the Church to start the classes?**

No, there is no obligation. You can start the classes and, at various points during the program, you will be asked if you would like to continue moving forward in anticipation of joining the Church at the Easter Vigil.

## **What topics are covered?**

Topics covered are listed below, in the schedule. Topics range from the basic logic of believing that God exists, the self-revelation of God in his Son, Jesus Christ, and the revelation of the Holy Trinity, the inward and outward natures of the Church, the Communion of Saints and the Blessed Mother, Sacred Tradition and Scripture, Prayer and Sacraments, the common parts and objects of a parish church, and the Last Things.

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