



Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Tampa, Florida

Why Follow Jesus?

Following Jesus is how we fulfill the purpose for which God created us, becomes the best version of ourselves, and reach lasting happiness. Following Jesus means becoming part of His body, which is the Church.

Who Belongs in the RCIA Process?

The RCIA process is for adults who...

- Have never been baptized – **or**
- Were baptized in another Christian tradition – **or**
- Baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist – **or**
- Attend Catholic church with a spouse, relative or friend and wish to learn more

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the process of formation for those who wish to become members of the Roman Catholic church. You will be formed in:

- **Scripture:** God's word to us
- **Teaching:** What Catholics believe
- **Prayer:** How we speak with God
- **Liturgy:** How we worship together
- **Mission:** Living what we believe

Step 1: Inquiry

If you believe God is calling you to himself but you're not sure what to do yet, the RCIA team hosts open inquiry sessions regularly. Come talk about God's presence in your life, learn about prayer, or get answers to some of your "What do Catholics believe about _____?" questions.

Step 2: Catechumenate

A period of study in Catholic Christian Living. We meet every week and learn about aspects of Catholic faith and practices. This is a time to grow in prayer, develop your relationship with God, and grow in awareness of God's presence and activity in your life.

Step 3: Purification & Enlightenment

This is the final period before you celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. We continue our meetings but with an emphasis on:

- Recognizing our sins and weakness
- Repentance by seeking God's healing and strength
- Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Step 4: Mystagogy

These shorter sessions will give you the opportunity to share your feelings on your reception into the Church and we will continue with topics about how to live and share your new faith.

How Long Does It Take?

The time may vary for each individual but remember this is a spiritual process in bringing you closer to Jesus. If you're serious about becoming Catholic but our schedule would be a serious hardship for you, help us decide how we can help you.

Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations;
Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.
Matt 28:19-20



How Do I Learn More?

Call the parish office at (813) 933-2859 **or** email us at: TJM@mhr Tampa.org

OR

Fill out the following and return it to the church office **or** in the collection basket.

___ I am interested in learning more about the Catholic Church

___ I know someone interested in the Catholic Church

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____