

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

## SYLLABUS 2019–2020

*Meetings take place from 6:30 to 7:30pm approximately every other Tuesday in the Parish Center.*

*Readings and Prayers are from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (2006), which can be accessed online at <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca/> or purchased on Amazon.*

*Participants should also have access to the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE), either in a printed or online format (<http://usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>).*

\*Items with an asterisk denote parish wide or diocese events that RCIA participants are encouraged to attend.

### PART I. THE CREED: THE FAITH PROFESSED

**\*Forgotten Clef's Concert and Reception** (September 14)  
7:30pm

**How to Pray: Lectio Divina and the Rosary** (September 24)  
Prayer: Sunday Gospel reading  
Reading: none

**\*Vespers (Evening Prayer)** (October 8)  
6:30pm

**\*Richmond Concert Choral and Jefferson Baroque Concert** (October 27)  
7:00pm

**The Creed: "I Believe"** (October 15)  
Prayer: Act of Faith (pp. 533–534)  
Reading: Chapter 4: "Bring About the Obedience of Faith" (pp. 36–47)

**The Most Holy Trinity** (October 29)  
Prayer: Glory Be (Doxology) (p. 532)  
Reading: Chapter 5: "I Believe in God" (pp. 49–63)

**\*The Solemnity of All Saints** [All Saints Day]  
(October 31 – November 1)

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses: October 31 (vigil): 5:30pm; November 1: 8:30am, 7:00pm

**\*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (November 2)**  
10:00am (Mass)

**\*Diocesan Catholic Women's Conference (November 2),**  
St. Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg, VA

**\*Mass for Miscarried Children (November 7)**  
5:30 pm (Mass)

**Christology: Jesus Christ, the Son of God (November 12)**

Prayer: Morning Offering (p. 533)

Reading: Chapter 7: "The Good News: God Has Sent His Son" (pp. 77–87)  
Chapter 8: "The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ" (pp. 89–100)

**\*Family Fun Night (November 15)**  
5:30-9:30pm

**Ecclesiology: the Church (November 26)**

Prayer: Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory (p. 537)

Reading: Chapter 10: "The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ" (pp. 111–123)  
Chapter 11: "The Four Marks of the Church" (pp. 125–139)

**\*The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(December 8) [Patronal Feastday of the United States of America]

*Holy Day of Obligation not transferred because it falls on a Sunday.*

Masses: December 9: 7:00am

**Mariology: the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (December 10)**

Prayer: Hail Mary (p. 532), *Angelus* (p. 535)

Reading: Chapter 12: "Mary: the Church's First and Most Perfect Member"  
(pp. 142–149)

**\*Karoling with Kumro with Blessing of Christmas Tree (December 12)**  
6:30–9:00pm

**\*"O" Antiphons Holy Hour (December 17)**  
6:30–8:00pm

**\*Lessons and Carols** (December 20)

11:30am - 12:30pm

**\*The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord** [Christmas] (December 24–25)*Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses: December 24 (vigil): 5:30pm; December 25: 12:00 Midnight, 10:00am

**\*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (December 31–January 1)*Holy Day of Obligation*Masses: December 31 (Vigil): 5:30pm, adoration to follow until Midnight;  
January 1: 10:00am**Reading the Bible: Scripture and Tradition** (January 7)

Prayer: Act of Love (p. 534)

Reading: Chapter 3: “Proclaim the Gospel to Every Creature” (pp. 21–33)

**Eschatology: The Last Things** (January 21)*Class will be from 6:45-7:45 pm this night.*

Prayer: Act of Hope (p. 534)

Reading: Chapter 13: “Our Eternal Destiny” (pp. 151–162)

**\*Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children** (January 22)

5:30 pm (Mass)

**\*Vespers (Evening Prayer)** (January 28)

6:30pm

**\*Three Notch’d Road Concert** (January 31)

7:00pm

**PART II. THE SACRAMENTS: THE FAITH CELEBRATED****Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation** (February 4)

Prayer: Prayer to the Holy Spirit (p. 534)

Reading: Chapter 14: “The Celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ”  
(pp. 166–170)

Chapter 15: “Baptism: Becoming a Christian” (pp. 181–199)

Chapter 16: “Confirmation: Consecrated for Mission” (pp. 201–211)

**\*Family Movie Night** (February 21)

(6:30pm)

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** (February 25)Prayer: *Anima Christi* (p. 537)Reading: Chapter 17: “The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life”  
(pp. 213–222)**\*Ash Wednesday** (February 26)*Fasting and abstinence from meat are obligatory on this day.*

Masses: 1:30pm, 7:00pm

**The Liturgical Year** (March 10)Prayer: *Memorare* (p. 535)Reading: Chapter 14: “The Celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ”  
(pp. 165–179)**\*Parish Mission** (March 18–19)

5:30–8:00pm

**\*Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference** (March 21)

St. Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg, VA

**The Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist** (March 24)

Prayer: An Act of Spiritual Communion (p. 534)

Reading: Chapter 17: “The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life”  
(pp. 222–232)**\*Parish Clean-up Day, Outdoor Edition** (March 28)

10:00am-12:00noon

**\*Lenten Concert** (March 29)

7:00pm

**HOLY WEEK****\*Chrism Mass** (April 6, 6:00pm) [Monday of Holy Week]

Optional: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond

**\*Holy Thursday** (April 9)

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00pm

Adoration to follow until Midnight.

**\*Good Friday** (April 10)*Fasting and abstinence from meat are obligatory on this day*

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

**\*Holy Saturday (April 11)**

*Fasting and abstinence from meat are recommended on this day*

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 9:00am

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:00pm

**\*Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord (April 12)**

Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am

**Sacraments of Vocation and Service: Holy Orders and Marriage (April 21)**

Prayer: Queen of Heaven (*Regina Caeli*)

Reading: Chapter 20: “Holy Orders” (pp. 261–275)

Chapter 21: “The Sacrament of Marriage” (pp. 277–292)

**\*Centennial Mass with Bishop Knestout (April 26)**

11:00am (Mass)

**\*Vespers (Evening Prayer) (April 28)**

6:30pm

**Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing of the Sick (May 5)**

Prayer: Act of Contrition (traditional version) (p. 536)

Reading: Chapter 18: “Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:

God is Rich in Mercy” (pp. 233–247)

Chapter 19: “Anointing of the Sick and Dying” (pp. 249–259)

**PART III. CHRISTIAN MORALITY: THE FAITH LIVED**

**Theological and Cardinal Virtues (May 19)**

Prayer: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (p. 538)

Reading: Chapter 23: “Life in Christ—Part One” (pp. 307–321)

**Ten Commandments, Part I (June 2)**

Prayer: Divine Praises (p. 537)

Reading: Chapter 25: “The First Commandment: Believe in the True God” (pp. 339–349)

Chapter 26: “The Second Commandment: Reverence God’s Name”  
(pp. 351–359)

Chapter 27: “The Third Commandment: Love the Lord’s Day” (pp. 361–371)

**Ten Commandments, Part II (June 16)**

Prayer: Hail, Holy Queen (p. 535)

Reading: Chapter 31: “The Seventh Commandment: Do Not Steal—Act Justly”  
 (pp. 417–428)  
 Chapter 32: “The Eighth Commandment: Tell the Truth” (pp. 429–438)  
 Chapter 33: “The Ninth Commandment: Practice Purity of Heart”  
 (pp. 439–446)  
 Chapter 34: “The Tenth Commandment: Embrace Poverty of Spirit”  
 (pp. 447–457)

**Marriage and Family Life** (June 30)

Prayer: Grace Before Meals, Grace After Meals (p. 536)  
 Reading: Chapter 28: “Fourth Commandment: Strengthen Your Family” (pp. 373–385)  
 Chapter 30: “The Sixth Commandment: Marital Fidelity” (pp. 403–416)

**Respect Life** (July 14)

Prayer: Prayer for Peace (p. 537)  
 Reading: Chapter 29: “The Fifth Commandment: Promote the Culture of Life”  
 (pp. 387–402)

**Social Doctrine** (July 28)

Prayer: Jesus Prayer (p. 536)  
 Reading: Chapter 24: “Life in Christ—Part Two” (pp. 323–338)

**PART IV. PRAYER: THE FAITH PRAYED**

**Prayer** (August 11)

Prayer: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (p. 538)  
 Reading: Chapter 35: “God Calls Us to Pray” (pp. 461–480)

**\*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (August 14–15)

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses: August 14 (vigil): 5:30pm; August 15: 7:00pm

**The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father** (August 25)

Prayer: Our Father (p. 532)  
 Reading: Chapter 36: “Jesus Taught Us to Pray” (pp. 481–495)

**How to Pray: *Lectio Divina* and the Rosary** (September 8)

Prayer: Sunday Gospel reading  
 Reading: Sunday Gospel reading (Sunday following RCIA class)