

# RCIA Process – 15 month Schedule

## January 2021 – Pentecost: June 5, 2022

Calendar Schedule 2021-2022 for Catechetical Instruction, Retreats and Liturgical Celebrations

### Period of the Precatechumenate

Participants who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism will need to receive teachings on Faith and Baptism before going through the Rite of Acceptance as they will answer questions in that regard. The prayers speak of learning to know Christ and follow Him, therefore, they are to be guided to begin to develop a daily habit of prayer and understand how to live the Catholic Moral Life. Candidates, those who have already been validly baptized, will need to receive teachings on the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist as they will ask to be accepted for catechetical instruction leading to Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Rite of Welcoming. We teach to the Rites and from the Rites.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Teaching</u>
January	What is the Meaning of Life?
January	The Existence of God
January	Creation
January	Original Sin
February	The Story of the Bible
February	Divine Revelation / explanation of and preparing for Lent
February	Faith and Conversion
February	The Battle of Prayer – Daily Spiritual Reading leads to the development of a daily commitment to prayer

### Wednesday, February 17, 2021: Ash Wednesday

March	The Moral Life: The 10 Commandments / Explain the meaning of Lent and how to live it.
March	The 10 Commandments (continued)
March	The Incarnation and Jesus' Public Ministry
March	Redemption; the Sign of the Cross
April	Developing/strengthening a daily habit of Prayer: Stations of the Cross
April	Explaining Holy Week
April	Holy Week: Praying with Scripture regarding the Crucifixion

**Sunday, April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday**

April / May            The Church: The Kingdom of God on Earth

May                    The Four Last Things

May                    The Beatitudes

May                    Mary, the Mother of God

**Sunday, May 23            Pentecost**

June                    The Holy Spirit / Explain Pentecost from Acts 2

June                    Great Adventure Bible Timeline DVD Program (8 weeks; taking into consideration that people will be taking vacations etc.) includes 8 min. video clips from key figures of the Bible with simple teaching of application to life

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**August Break**

September            Discovery: (Breaking Open the Kerygma) God's Love

September            Discovery: Love's Initiative

September            Discovery: Jesus Christ – Our Lord

September            Discovery: Jesus Christ – Our Savior

October                Discovery: The Universal Call – Personally Yours

October                Discovery: Going From Here; Time for prayer and quiet meditation

October                Grace / Sacrament of Baptism: The Door to the Life of Grace

October                Liturgy: Communion with God / Sacrament of Confirmation: Sealed by the Holy Spirit

October                Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us

November             The Holy Eucharist: Communion with and Sharing God's Joy

**November             Retreat for Rite of Acceptance / Welcoming in parish or deanery**

## **Sunday, November 28, 2021: Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming**

**Period of the Catechumenate:** Participants are to receive teaching on the Sacraments and Living Life in Christ in preparation for the Rite of Election (unbaptized) and Call to Continuing Conversion (baptized). This will prepare participants to answer the questions they will be asked and understand the intentions of the prayers being prayed for them during these Rites. We teach to the Rites and from the Rites.

November                      Sacrament of Holy Orders / Explanation of Advent and how to prepare spiritually for Christmas

December                      Sacrament of Matrimony

December                      Social Teaching of the Church

December                      Expressions and Types of Prayer (including Praying with Scripture)

*December                      No meeting: Christmas / New Year break*

January 2022                      Sacrament of Penance - Reconciliation

January                          Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

January                          Church Tour

January                          The Universal Call to Holiness

February                        The Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love

February                        Cardinal Virtues and the Virtues of Chastity

February                        The Dignity of the Human Person

**Retreat on Saturday, February 26, 2022:** The meaning of Lent – a time of purification and enlightenment, the Apostolic Church regarding a bishop and his apostolic succession, preparation for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.

**March 2                          Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday, March 6                Rite of Sending at the Parish / Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent**

**Period of Purification and Enlightenment:** The Elect and Candidates are to receive direction on prayer and the spiritual life. Lent is to be spent much like a Retreat.

March                              The Paschal Mystery / Stations of the Cross

March                              Temptation and Sin / Preparation and Reception of the Sacrament of Penance

March Traditions of Prayer

**Third Sunday of Lent First Scrutiny for the Elect (unbaptized)**

**Third Week of Lent Presentation of the Creed**

March The Lord’s Prayer / Stations of the Cross

**Fourth Sunday of Lent Second Scrutiny for the Elect (unbaptized)**

March / April Sacramental Living / Explanation and Prayer of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament / Benediction

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Third Scrutiny for the Elect (unbaptized)**

**Fifth Week of Lent Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer**

April **Retreat before or on Holy Saturday: Preparation Rites: Immediate Sacramental Preparation; Explanation of the Easter Vigil; time for quiet prayer**

**April 16, 2022 Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: Sacraments of Initiation**

**April 17 Easter Sunday**

**Period of Mystagogy** – Neophytes (new Catholics) are introduced to a fuller and more effective understanding of the teachings with the help of God’s grace received in the Sacraments. Instruction on living a deeper Christian life, especially as it relates to the Sacraments.

April Celebration: Testimonies of the experience of Holy Saturday Prayer in thanksgiving for “the wonderful works of God”

April Source: The Holy Spirit

April Source: The Battle Within

May Source: Living in the Spirit

May Source: Barriers to Living in the Spirit

May Source: Docility to the Holy Spirit

May Source: Gifts and Fruits

**Sunday, June 5, 2022 Pentecost**

**Neophyte Year** CCO Faith Studies Series:  
 Growth (6 sessions) Essential elements for spiritual growth  
 Obedience (8 sessions) Practical lessons in obedience, surrender and trust in God  
 Commission (10 sessions) Motivation to spread the message and mission of Christ.