

RCIA Process – 15 month Schedule

January 2025 – Pentecost: June 8, 2026

Calendar Schedule 2025-2026 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, March 5, 2025: 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	Redemption; the Sign of the Cross
April	Developing/strengthening a daily habit of Prayer
April	Praying with Scripture
April	Explaining Holy Week

Sunday, April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday

April	The Incarnation and Jesus' Public Ministry
May	The Church: The Kingdom of God on Earth
May	The Four Last Things
May	The Beatitudes
May	Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday, June 8, 2025 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. TNT video clips from key figures of the Bible with simple teaching and application to life
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August Break

September	Discovery: God's Love (Catholic Christian Outreach Series)
September	Discovery: Love's Initiative
September	Discovery: Jesus Christ – Our Lord
September	Discovery: Jesus Christ – Our Savior
October	Discovery: Love is Offered
October	Discovery: A New Life
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 *Discernment to determine readiness for entering into a relationship with the Church*

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

Sunday, November 30, 2025: 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 2026 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 14, 2026: 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.

February 18, 2026 **Ash Wednesday**

Sunday, February 22, 2026: 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.

February	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	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
March	The Battle of Prayer
March	<i>Discernment to determine readiness to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (or to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church)</i>
March	<u>Retreat</u> before or on Holy Saturday: Preparation Rites: Immediate Sacramental Preparation; Explanation of the Easter Vigil; time for quiet prayer
April 4, 2025	Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: Sacraments of Initiation
April 5, 2026	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 (Catholic Christian Outreach Series)
May	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

Sunday, May 24, 2026 Pentecost

Neophyte Year

Catholic Christian Outreach Faith Study Series:

Growth (6 sessions): GROWTH examines the fundamental practices which nurtures our Christian life such as prayer, Sacraments and fellowship.

Trust (8 sessions): TRUST helps participants grow in trusting the Lord in all aspects of life so as to live in greater freedom.

Commission (10 sessions): COMMISSION reveals our missionary identity as Catholics to spread the message and mission of Christ.