

ST. PETER'S CHURCH RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA CLASS SCHEDULE – 2026-2027

The following classes will take place at St. Peter's Church in the downstairs meeting room. Classes will commence at 7:30pm and will be approximately 1.5 hours in length.

*Wednesday, September 30, 2026 – **Meet and greet***

*Class 1 - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – **Provide Resources***

Class 2 - Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Class 3 - Wednesday, October 21, 2026

*Class 4 - Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – **Provide Resources***

Class 5 - Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Class 6 - Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Class 7 - Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Class 8 - Wednesday, November 25, 2026

Class 9 - Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Class 10 - Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Class 11 - Wednesday, December 16, 2026

Class 12 – Wednesday, December 23, 2026

Class 13 - Wednesday, January 6, 2027

Class 14 - Wednesday, January 13, 2027

*Class 15 - Wednesday, January 20, 2027 – **Provide Resources***

Class 16 - Wednesday, January 27, 2027

Class 17 - Wednesday, February 3, 2027

Class 18 - Wednesday, February 10, 2027

- ***Rite of Election** - St. Clare of Assisi Parish (Woodbridge)
Sun. February 14th, 2027 (1st Sunday of Lent)*
- ***The Scrutinies** – Date and location to be announced (to take place during Lenten season)*

Class 19 - Wednesday, February 17, 2027

Class 20 – Wednesday, February 24, 2027

Class 21 – Wednesday, March 3, 2027

Class 22 – Wednesday, March 10, 2027

Class 23- Wednesday, March 17, 2027

*Class 24 **(last)** – Wednesday, March 24, 2027 – **Rehearsal in church**
Saturday, March 27, 2027 – **Easter Vigil***

Course Outline

- ❖ Getting to Know Each other; Expectations; Why be Catholic and not just Christian?; What exactly does RCIA mean?
- ❖ What exactly do we mean when we say I Believe; Can we truly know God?
- ❖ What is Divine Revelation? What exactly is Sacred Scripture? How does the Church understand Sacred Scripture?
- ❖ Basic Outline of Apostles and Nicene Creed; Introduction of the Holy Trinity
- ❖ God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; Creation of Human Beings; The Fall
- ❖ Jesus Christ, Second Person of the Trinity; What is Christ's Mission in the World?
- ❖ The Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Trinity
- ❖ The Church: People of God; One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic; Church Hierarchy and Papal Primacy
- ❖ Mariology; The Last Things: Judgment, Communion of Saints, Heaven, Purgatory, Hell; Angels and Demons
- ❖ Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments-How the Church Celebrates the Mystery of Christ
- ❖ Sacraments of Initiation-AKA why we are here!; Baptism; Confirmation; Eucharist
- ❖ The Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing of the Sick
- ❖ The Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders and Matrimony
- ❖ Our Life in Christ: Introduction to the Catholic Moral Life-Freedom, Conscience, Virtues, Sin, Grace
- ❖ Ten Commandments as a Roadmap; Commandments One-Three
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- ❖ Introduction to Prayer-What is Prayer? What is Christian Prayer?
- ❖ Different Forms of Prayer: Vocal Prayer, Meditation, Contemplative Prayer; Our Father
- ❖ Last Class! Wrap up, Discussion