

St. Thomas More Parish / 836-8610

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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## 2018-2019 Syllabus

PERIOD OF INQUIRY <i>“Exploring our Catholic Faith”</i>		
September 18		<b>Inquiry</b>
September 25		<b>Inquiry for those not here September 18th</b>
October 2	<b>Chapters 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Revelation &amp; Faith</b>
October 9	<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>God</b>
October 16	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
October 23	<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>The Holy Spirit</b>
October 30		<b>Fall Break – NO CLASS</b>
November 6	<b>Chapter 6</b>	<b>The Bible</b>
November 13	<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>The Church</b>
November 20	<b>The Season of Advent</b>	<b>Advent Traditions and Practices</b>
November 27	<b>In the church</b>	<b>Closing of Forty Hours – NO CLASS</b>
PERIOD OF CATECHUMENATE		
December 2 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>Rite of Catechumens/Welcoming “Breaking Open the Word”</b>
December 4	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Mary</b>
December 9	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
December 11	<b>Chapter 9</b>	<b>The Future</b>
December 16	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
December 18		<b>Advent Penance Service – NO CLASS</b>
December 25		<b>Christmas Break – NO CLASS</b>
January 1		<b>Christmas Break – NO CLASS</b>
January 8	<b>Chapters 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Grace &amp; Human Life</b>
January 13	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
January 15	<b>Chapter 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Lay Ministry &amp; Family of the Church</b>
January 20	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
January 22	<b>Chapter 12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>Morality &amp; Personal Conscience</b>
January 27	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
January 29	<b>Chapter 14</b>	<b>Sin</b>
February 3	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
February 5	<b>Chapters 15</b>	<b>Sacraments in General</b>
February 10	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
February 12	<b>Chapter 18 &amp; 19</b>	<b>Baptism &amp; Confirmation</b>
February 17	<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>“Breaking Open the Word”</b>
February 19	<b>Chapter 20</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>

February 24	10:00 a.m. Mass	“Breaking Open the Word”
February 26	Chapters 21 & 22	Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick
March 3	10:00 a.m. Mass	“Breaking Open the Word”
March 5	The Season of Lent	Lenten Traditions and Practices
<i>PERIOD OF ENLIGHTENMENT/PURIFICATION</i>		
March 6	Ash Wednesday	Lent Begins (Masses 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. as well as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.)
March 10 First Sunday of Lent	10:00 a.m. Mass	Rite of Catechumens “Breaking Open the Word”
March 12	Chapter 23	Marriage
March 17 Second Sunday of Lent		Rite of Catechumens “Breaking Open the Word”
March 19	Chapter 24	Holy Orders
March 24 Third Sunday of Lent	5:30 p.m. Mass	First Scrutiny “Breaking Open the Word”
March 26		Spring Break – NO CLASS
March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent		Second Scrutiny “Breaking Open the Word”
April 2	How To Go To Confession	Preparation for First Confession
April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent		Third Scrutiny “Breaking Open the Word”
April 9		Parish Penance Service – NO CLASS
April 14	Appendices A & B	Prayer & Other Catholic Practices
April 16	Meet in Chapel	Run-through for Easter Vigil
April 18–Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord’s Supper
April 19 – Good Friday	1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion Tenebrae Prayer Service
April 20– Holy Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass of Easter
April 21– Easter Sunday		Masses are 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 and Noon
April 23	<i>EASTER WEEK</i>	<i>NO CLASS TONIGHT</i>
<i>PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA</i>		
April 30		Discussion of Easter Vigil Experience
May 7		Stewardship Possibilities
May 14		RCIA Wrap-Up

- Those who are to be baptized will attend Sunday’s “Breaking Open the Word” as well as the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.
- Those who are already baptized in another Christian faith and who are professing their faith in the Catholic Church may attend the “Breaking Open the Word” sessions which take place immediately after the homily at Mass.
- For those who are already baptized Catholic and who are in RCIA for the completion of their sacraments, they remain in the church and do not go to “Breaking Open the Word” in order to complete their obligation to attend Mass.