

St. Rita Catholic Church 2017-2018 RCIA Syllabus

(Syllabus based on the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Class 1: (Sept. 13)

PART ONE

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Section One: "I Believe" — "We Believe"

Chapter One: Man's Capacity for God

Chapter Two: God Comes to Meet Man

The Revelation of God

The Transmission of Divine Revelation

Sacred Scripture

Chapter Three: Man's Response to God

I Believe

We Believe

Class 2: (Sept. 20)

Section Two: The Profession of the Christian Faith

The Creed

Chapter One: I Believe in God the Father

The Symbols of Faith

"I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth"

Class 3: (Sept. 27)

Heaven and Earth

Man

The Fall

Class 4: (Oct. 4)

Chapter Two: I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God

"And In Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord"

"Jesus Christ Was Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit, and Was Born of the Virgin Mary"

Class 5: (Oct. 11)

"Jesus Christ Suffered Under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, Died, and Was Buried"

"Jesus Christ Descended into Hell; On the Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead"

"Jesus Ascended into Heaven and Is Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty"

"From Thence He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead"

Class 6: (Oct. 18)

Chapter Three: I Believe in the Holy Spirit

"I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church"

The Church in the plan of God

The Church: people of God, body of Christ, temple of the Spirit

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

Class 7: (Oct. 25)

The Faithful: hierarchy, laity, consecrated life

I believe in the communion of saints

Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church

"I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins"

"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body"

"I Believe in Life Everlasting"

"Amen"

Class 8: (Nov. 1)

PART TWO

THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

Section One: The Sacramental Economy

Chapter One: The Paschal Mystery in the Age of the Church

The Liturgy — Work of the Most Holy Trinity

The Paschal Mystery in the Sacraments of the Church

Class 9: (Nov. 8)

Chapter Two: The Sacramental Celebration of the Paschal Mystery

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Church

Who celebrates?

How is the liturgy celebrated?

When is the liturgy celebrated?

Where is the liturgy celebrated?

Liturgical Diversity and the Unity of the Mystery

Section Two: The Seven Sacraments of the Church

Class 10: (Nov. 15)

Chapter One: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation

The Sacrament of Baptism

(November 22 - Thanksgiving break)

Class 11: (Nov. 29)

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Class 12: (Dec. 6)

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Class 13: (Dec. 13)

Chapter Two: The Sacraments of Healing

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Class 14: (Dec. 20)

Chapter Three: The Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Mission

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

(December 27 - Christmas break)

Class 15: (Jan. 3)

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Chapter Four: Other Liturgical Celebrations

The Sacramentals

Christian Funerals

Class 16: (Jan. 10)

PART THREE

LIFE IN CHRIST

Section One: Man's Vocation — Life In the Spirit

Chapter One: The Dignity of the Human Person

Man, the Image of God

Our Vocation to Beatitude

Man's Freedom

The Morality of the Passions

The Moral Conscience

The Virtues

Sin

Class 17: (Jan. 17)

Chapter Two: The Human Community

The Person and Society

Participation in Social Life

Social Justice

Chapter Three: God's Salvation — Law and Grace

The Moral Law

Grace and Justification

The Church, Mother and Teacher

Class 18: (Jan. 24)

Section Two: The Ten Commandments

Chapter One: "You Shall Love the Lord Your God With All Your Heart, With All Your Soul, and With All Your Mind"

The First Commandment: I Am the Lord Your God, You Shall Not Have Other Gods Before Me

Class 19: (Jan 31)

The Second Commandment: You Shall Not Take the Name of the Lord Your God in Vain

The Third Commandment: Remember to Keep Holy the Lord's Day

Class 20: (Feb. 7)

Chapter Two: "You Shall Love Your Neighbour as Yourself"

The Fourth Commandment: Honour Your Father and Your Mother

The Fifth Commandment: You Shall Not Kill

Class 21: (Feb. 14)

The Sixth Commandment: You Shall Not Commit Adultery

(February 21 - Ash Wednesday - Please attend Mass)

Class 22: (Feb. 28)

The Seventh Commandment: You Shall Not Steal

The Eighth Commandment: You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbour

The Ninth Commandment: You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbour's Wife

The Tenth Commandment: You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbour's Possessions

Class 23: (Mar. 7)

PART FOUR

CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life

Chapter One: The Revelation of Prayer

The Revelation of Prayer in the Old Testament

Prayer is Fully Revealed and Realized in Jesus

Prayer in the Age of the Church

Chapter Two: The Tradition of Prayer

At the Wellsprings of Prayer

The Way of Prayer

Guides for Prayer

Class 24: (March 14)

Chapter Three: The Life of Prayer

Expressions of Prayer

The Battle of Prayer

Class 25: (March 21)

Section Two: The Lord's Prayer — "Our Father"

"The Summary of the Whole Gospel"

"Our Father Who Art in Heaven"

The Seven Petitions

(March 28 Holy Week)

April 1 - Easter

Class 26: (TBD)

Party