

St. Sabina Parish Community – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sequence Of Periods and Ritual Steps – 2019-2010

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Period of Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate

– Thursday, August 29, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Dinner

This is a time, of no fixed duration or structure, for inquiry and introduction to Gospel values, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.

– Formal gatherings on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM, beginning September 5, 2019

First Step: Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

(Rite of Acceptance or Entrance)

– First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019 – 10:30 AM Mass

This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on some annual date or dates, marking the beginning of the catechumenate proper, as the catechumens and candidates express and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ.

Period of Catechumenate (Non-baptized referred to as “Catechumens”)

– Formal gatherings continue on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM

This is the time, its duration corresponding to the progress of the individual, for the nurturing and growth of the catechumens' faith and conversion to God; celebrations of the word and prayers of exorcism and blessing are meant to assist the process.

Second Step: Election or Enrollment of Names (Rite of Election)

– Saturday, February 29, 2020 – 10 AM at the Diocesan Cathedral

This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive these sacraments.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment

(Catechumens referred to as the “Elect”)

– Sunday, March 1, 2020 to Easter Vigil, April 11, 2020

– Scrutiny Sundays March 15, 10:30 AM, March 22, 12:30 PM, and Sat, March 28, 2020, 4PM

– Rehearsal for Easter Vigil, Retreat and Lunch on Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10 AM-4 PM

This is the time immediately preceding the elects' initiation, usually the Lenten season preceding the celebration of initiation at the Easter Vigil; it is a time of reflection, intensely centered on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations of Creed and Our Father, along with the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.

Third Step: Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Rites of Initiation)

– Easter Vigil, April 11, 2020 at 8 PM

This is the liturgical rite, usually integrated into the Easter Vigil, by which the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist and the candidates are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy

(Fully Initiated members referred to as “Neophytes”)

– Mystagogical gatherings continue on Thursday evenings until May 7, 2020

This is the time, usually the Easter season, following the celebration of initiation, during which the newly initiated and those who have entered into full communion with the Church, experience being fully a part of the Christian community by means of pertinent catechesis and particularly by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

St. Sabina Parish Community – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Schedule for 2019- 2020 Catechumenal Process: Thursdays from 7-9 PM
(Dates and Topics subject to change for unforeseen circumstances)

- September 5 – Who are you? What are your questions and stories?
- September 12 – What are your images of God?
- September 19 – Who is Jesus? Session 1 – Incarnation/Ministry
- September 26 – Who is Jesus? Session 2 – Paschal Mystery
- October 3 – The Holy Spirit – Role of the Spirit in relationship to discipleship
- October 10 – **Volunteer Recognition Dinner – No Session**
- October 17 – What is the Catholic Understanding of Scripture?
- October 24 – God speaks to us in and through Old Testament experiences
– God journeys with the people and Exodus as a foundational experience
– Various Traditions (JEDP) along with the compilation process
– Prophetic Books, their role and function – Wisdom Literature
- October 31 – **Halloween – No Session**
- November 7 – The Gospels – Four ways to follow Jesus
- November 14 – The Letters of New Testament – Paul and other writers
- November 21 – The Liturgical Year
- November 28 – **Thanksgiving – No Session**

Sunday, December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent
– Parish Rite of Acceptance at the 10:30 Mass

- December 5 – Focus on the Last Things (Eschatology):
Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory
- December 12 – **Guadalupe Celebration – No Session –**
All are encouraged to participate in our parish celebration
- December 19 – The Church as a community of disciples – Various Ecclesiologies
- January 2 – Church History up to Reformation
- January 9 – Church History from Reformation to Vatican 2
- January 16 – Vatican 2 and World Church/Church Structures

January 18-25, 2020 -- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
– Monday, January 20, 2020, 7 PM -- Ecumenical Prayer Service, St. Sabina
– Praying with Community Pastors for Christian Unity

- January 23 – Catholics, Other Christians, Non-Christians and Salvation
- January 30 – What are sacraments?
- February 6 – Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- February 13 – Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick
- February 20 – Sacraments of Vocation: Matrimony and Holy Orders

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday

- February 27 – Sin, Grace, Morality and Moral Decision Making

Saturday, February 29, 2020 – Rite of Election 10 AM Cathedral

- March 5 – Walk through Mass and Eucharist
- March 12 – Catholic Social Teachings

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 10:30 AM – First Scrutiny, 3rd Sunday of Lent

- March 19 – Prayer: What is Prayer? Varieties of Prayer
The Our Father and Other Traditional Catholic Prayers Including the Rosary

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 12:30 AM – Second Scrutiny, 4th Sunday of Lent

- March 26 – Mary, and the Saints in Scripture and in Catholic Tradition

**Saturday, March 28 – 10 AM-4 PM – Rehearsal for Triduum, Lunch, RCIA Retreat.
Saturday, March 28, 2020 – 4 PM – Third Scrutiny, 5th Sunday of Lent**

- April 2 – Triduum Rituals and Symbols

Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020

Triduum:

April 9 - Holy Thursday – 7 PM

April 10 - Good Friday – 7 PM

April 11 - Easter Vigil – 8 PM

- April 16 – Mystagogy – Unpack the Triduum/Easter Vigil Experience
- April 23 – Ministry Focus 1 – Discernment of Gifts/Exposure to Various Ministries
- April 30 – Ministry Focus 2 – Exposure to Various Ministries
- May 7 – **Ministry Focus 3 – Closing Reflection & RCIA Evening meal, 7-9 PM**
- May 31 – Feast of Pentecost**

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If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith through RCIA (Catechumenate) or attending RCIA formation sessions, please fill out this sheet and mail it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Faith Background: _____

Married? _____

Spouse's Name: _____

If you are referring someone that you would like us to invite, please also give us the following information:

Referred by: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____