

Gesu Roman Catholic Parish

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

2011-2012 Schedule & Syllabus

RCIA at Gesu is meant to help women and men deepen their faith through education, through integration into a parish community, and through rituals that celebrate stages of growth both in one's faith and in one's membership in the Catholic Church. RCIA for some formally concludes with Baptism, Confirmation and first Eucharist the night before Easter Sunday.

For others who are already baptized it culminates in making a statement that they are one with the Catholic Church in belief and at heart, that is to say, that they feel at home in the Catholic Church and see the Catholic Church as a way for them to further growth in a relationship with the Lord (called a Profession of Faith).

Ordinary Meeting Times: Sundays beginning September 11, 2011 through May 20, 2012
10:15am-11:15am & attendance usually at 11:30am Mass
Gesu Rectory/Church, except when announced

Extraordinary Meeting Times: Please note that these dates are important and include key times we'll gather as a group to celebrate with the greater-parish community or the greater-Church of Toledo at the Cathedral the rituals proper to Christian Initiation into the Catholic Church. Gatherings are at Gesu unless noted. **These gatherings are not optional.**

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012:	9 AM Mass with Rite of Acceptance – breakfast follows
Wednesday, Feb. 22:	ASH WEDNESDAY – Lent begins
Sunday, Feb. 26:	11:30 AM Mass with Rite of Sending
Sunday, Feb. 26:	Rite of Election/Enrollment <i>at Rosary Cathedral</i> , Time to be announced (afternoon prayer service)
Saturday, March 10:	4 PM Mass with the First Scrutiny
Sunday, March 18:	9 AM Mass with the Second Scrutiny
Sunday, March 25:	11:30 AM Mass with the Third Scrutiny
Tuesday, April 3:	11:00 AM Chrism Mass at Rosary Cathedral (<i>optional</i>)
Wednesday, April 4:	Tenebrae (night prayer) <i>followed by Easter Vigil Rehearsal starting at approximately 7:40pm.</i>
Thursday, April 5:	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, April 6:	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death
Saturday, April 7:	THE EASTER VIGIL

The Diocese of Toledo offers retreats for participants in RCIA. These opportunities will be made available to you when those dates and times are set. You are strongly encouraged to attend one RCIA retreat offered by the Diocese.

Sundays

Each Sunday that we meet will focus on a different aspect of Catholic Life.

- First Sundays: General topics on Catholic life and faith
- Second Sundays: Topic based on one of the RCIA Texts (listed below)
- Third Sundays: Catholic Devotional Practices and/or Catholic Culture
- Fourth Sundays: Book Discussion: *The Holy Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser

Texts

We will use at least three primary texts (provided) to guide some of our conversation and to deepen our understanding of Catholic teaching and spirituality:

- ✚ Glavich, Mary Kathleen. *The Confirmed Catholic's Companion: A Guide to Abundant Living*. .
- ✚ Rolheiser, Ronald. *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality*. New York: Doubleday, 1999.
- ✚ Frigge, Marielle, Daniel J. Scholz, Maggie Kast, Maria Leonard & Michael Prendergast. *At Home with the Word 2012*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011.
- ✚ Other texts will be used including *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Bible and other resources as needed.

Reflecting on Text Readings: Guidance Questions for texts

Chapters from our texts will be assigned one month in advance. To guide your reading and our discussion of readings when we meet together, please use the following question:

- ✚ What term(s) in the reading was/were unfamiliar to me or need clarification for the context in which they are being used?
- ✚ What did I appreciate from this reading? Why?
- ✚ What did I find challenging or what did I struggle with? Why?
- ✚ Overall, what did I learn from the reading?

Journaling

You are encouraged to journal through your experience through RCIA. At the minimum you should develop the habit of journaling responses to the questions given for the texts. This will help when we have group discussions.

Schedule

A tentative schedule is provided for your guidance. Revisions can and will be made as we go through the course of our time together.

The Year of our Lord 2011

September 11:	Getting to Know Each Other and What You're Getting Into – Precepts of the Church – Expectations
September 18:	Your Questions / How to go to Mass
September 25:	Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Other Resources
October 2	Who is Jesus? / Four Gospel Portraits
October 9	What does it mean to be Catholic? (Companion pp 7-18)
October 16:	Catholic Devotions/Culture: Classic Catholic Prayers (Companion pp19-31)
October 23:	<i>The Holy Longing</i> : pp 3-19: "What Is Spirituality?"
October 30:	What is a Sacrament?
NOVEMBER 1:	TUESDAY Holy Day of Obligatory Attendance at Mass: All Saints' Day
November 6:	Who Are the Saints? (Companion pp 47-54)
November 13:	Liturgical Calendar: Christening the Whole Year (Companion pp 83-94)
November 20:	<i>The Holy Longing</i> : pp. 20-44: "The Current Struggle with Christian Spirituality"
November 27:	<i>Thanksgiving Weekend – Gather to make Advent Wreaths and for Mass at 11:30am</i>
December 4:	Who is Mary for Catholics? (Companion pp. 33-45)
DECEMBER 8	THURSDAY - Holy Day of Obligatory Attendance at Mass: Immaculate Conception
December 11:	Catholic Life (Companion pp. 65-82)
December 18:	Popular Devotions (Companion pp.175-186)
December 25	CHRISTMAS

The Year of our Lord 2012

January 1:	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 8:	What are the Sacraments? (Companion pp. 95-122)
January 15:	BREAKFAST / RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: 9 am Mass
January 22:	Holy Things and Places (Sacramentals) (Companion pp. 123-136)
January 29:	<i>The Holy Longing</i> pp. 45-72: "The Nonnegotiable Essentials"
February 5:	What is the Bible? (Companion pp. 147-160)
February 12:	Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
February 19:	Catholic Devotions/Culture: Lent: Days of Abstinence & Fasting
FEBRUARY 22	– ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT BEGINS

- February 26: Rite of Sending – 11:30am Mass / ***Rite of Election at the Cathedral in the afternoon***
- March 4: Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick
- March 10: SATURDAY 4PM MASS - First Scrutiny
- March 18: SUNDAY 9AM MASS - Second Scrutiny / Sacraments of Vocation & Commitment
- March 24: SUNDAY 11:30AM MASS - Third Scrutiny / Holy Week & Triduum – What to expect....
- April 1: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion: Holy Week Begins Seder Meal Experience / Church’s relations with & understanding of other Faith traditions (*Nostra Aetate*)**
- April 4: TENEBRAE (Night Prayer) – followed by Easter Vigil Rehearsal**
- April 5: Mass of the Lord’s Supper**
- April 6: Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion**
- April 7: THE EASTER VIGIL (please arrive at 8pm) followed by Reception in the Sullivan Center**
- April 8: EASTER SUNDAY**
- April 15: I am Catholic (Companion pp. 203-214)
- April 21: SATURDAY 4PM Neophyte Mass with Bishop Blair at the Cathedral**
- April 22: Ways of Prayer (Companion pp. 161-174)
- April 29: *The Holy Longing* pp. 111-142: “A Spirituality of Ecclesiology”
- May 6: *The Holy Longing* pp. 167-191: “A Spirituality of Justice and Peacemaking”
- May 13: Spirituality of the Heart: An Introduction to St. Francis de Sales
- May 20: What gifts do you bring to Gesu?
- COOKOUT/SOCIAL - TBD