

St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2024-2025

STAGE I: PRE-CATECHUMENATE

October

- 1: Introductory Meeting
 - Explanation of RCIA Process
 - Testimonial
- 8: Introduction to the Holy Bible
- 15: God the Father and Divine Revelation
- 22: God the Son, Jesus the Word
- 29: God the Holy Spirit

November

- 5: Basilica Visit (Coyle)
- 12: Prayer: Conversing with God
- 19: Blessed Virgin Mary, Devotions and the Saints (Venturi)
- 23: ***Advent Retreat*** (Coyle)
 - ***Liturgical year;*** (Coyle)
 - ***The celebration of Mass;*** (Coyle)
 - ***Meditation*** (Tigchelaar)
- 26: Conversion: God's Invitation to Follow Him

December

- 3: Evening Prayer and Christmas Social (All)

No Classes on December 10, 17, 24 and 31st.

STAGE II: CATECHUMENATE

January

- 7: Introduction to Sacraments and Sacramentals
- 14: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- 19: ***Rites of Welcome and Acceptance (11:00 a.m. Basilica)***
Presence of sponsors required
- 21: Sacrament of the Eucharist (Coyle)

St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2024-2025

No classes on January 28 and February 4. (Winter Break)

February

11: Sacrament of Reconciliation and of the Sick (Coyle)

18: Sacrament of Holy orders (Coyle)

25: Sacrament of Marriage (Venturi)

STAGE III: PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

March

**4: Ashes for Candidates and Catechumens
Teaching on Four Last Things**

**8: Lenten Retreat and Preparation for Rite of Election
Explanation of the Lenten Season:**

- a. Meditation
- b. Way of the Cross
- c. Explanation of Rite of Election

**9: First Sunday of Lent
Rite of Election for Catechumens only (Sponsors required)
Rite of Sending Forth (11:00 a.m. Mass Basilica)
Rite of Election at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral at 2:30 p.m.
(Beside Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Rene Levesque Blvd.)**

11: The Creeds: Nicene and Apostles

18: The Ten Commandments

25: Church History

APRIL

1: Snow Day (in case of a previous storm) or No Class

8: Holy Week explanation (Taker)

13: *Palm Sunday (Basilica)**

16: *Chrism Mass (7:30 p.m. - Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)**

17: *Holy Thursday: Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood (8:00 p.m. Basilica)**

18: *Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3:00 p.m. Basilica)**

St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2024-2025

19: *Holy Saturday (Basilica)*

- *10:00 a.m. Rehearsal. Enter by the door at back of basilica from the priest's parking lot. Presence of sponsors required.*

Easter Vigil (Basilica)

- *8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Sacraments. (Please arrive at 7:15 p.m.). Presence of sponsors required.*

20: *Easter Sunday**

STAGE IV: MYSTAGOGIA

April

- 22: *Sharing on Easter*
- *The Mission of the Laity*

TBC

Mass of the Neophytes (newly baptized)
Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral

NOTES:

- Sessions take place every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. in the St. Brigid Room located on the second floor of Congress Hall, 454 René-Lévesque Blvd. West. Please arrive on time.
- Sessions include teaching on a particular subject, discussion, social time, and prayer.
- Events in italics are in addition to the regular Tuesday sessions.
- Events marked with an asterisk (*) are optional, yet recommended.
- Participants are expected to take part in the life of the worshipping community by weekly attendance at Sunday Mass. Options include: Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- For those who have been previously baptized, please submit a copy of your baptismal certificate by the end of October. Those who have not been baptized are asked to submit a birth certificate by the same date. Sponsors *may* also be required to produce proof of baptism and confirmation.