

St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2025-2026

STAGE I: PRE-CATECHUMENATE

October

- 7: Introductory Meeting
 - Explanation of RCIA Process
 - Testimonial
- 14: Introduction to the Holy Bible
- 21: God the Father and Divine Revelation
- 28: God the Son, Jesus the Word

November

- 4: God the Holy Spirit
- 11: Prayer: Conversing with God
- 18: Blessed Virgin Mary, Devotions and the Saints
- 25: Conversion: God's Invitation to Follow Him
- 29: ***Advent Retreat*** (Coyle)
 - ***Liturgical year;*** (Coyle)
 - ***The celebration of Mass;*** (Coyle)
 - ***Meditation*** (Tigchelaar)

December

- 2: Evening Prayer and Christmas Social Pot Luck
- No Classes on December 9, 16, 23 and 30th**

STAGE II: CATECHUMENATE

January

- 6: Introduction to Sacraments and Sacramentals
- 13: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- 18: ***Rites of Welcome and Acceptance (11:00 a.m. Basilica)***
Presence of sponsors required
- 20: Sacrament of the Eucharist
- 27: Sacrament of Reconciliation and of the Sick (Coyle)

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February

- 3: Sacrament of Marriage
- 10: No Class (Winter Break)
- 17: Ashes for Candidates and Catechumens
Teaching on Four Last Things (Coyle)
- 21: ***Lenten Reatreat and Preparation for Rite of Election***
Explanation of the Lenten Season: (Marie)
 - ***Meditation (Tigchelaar)***
 - ***Way of the Cross (Alex)***
 - ***Explanation of Rite of Election***
- 22: ***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.)
- 24: Sacrament of Holy orders (Coyle)

STAGE III: PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

March

- 3: The Creeds: Nicene and Apostles
- 10: Basilica Visit (Coyle)
- 17: Feast of St. Patrick (No Class)
- 24: Holy Week Explanation (Taker)
- 29: ***Palm Sunday (Basilica)****

April

- 1: ***Chrism Mass (7:30 p.m. - Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)****
- 2: ***Holy Thursday: Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood (8:00 p.m. Basilica)****
- 3: ***Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3:00 p.m. Basilica)****
- 4: ***Holy Saturday (Basilica)***

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- 10:30 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.

5: *Easter Sunday**

STAGE IV: MYSTAGOGIA

- 7: Sharing on Easter
- The Mission of the Laity

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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 in 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.