

St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2026-2027

STAGE I: PRE-CATECHUMENATE

October

- 6: Introductory Meeting
 - Explanation of RCIA Process
 - Testimonial
- 13: Introduction to the Holy Bible
- 20: God the Father and Divine Revelation
- 27: God the Son, Jesus the Word

November

- 3: God the Holy Spirit
- 10: Prayer: Conversing with God
- 17: Blessed Virgin Mary, Devotions and the Saints
- 24: Conversion: God's Invitation to Follow Him
- 28: **Advent Retreat** (Coyle)
 - **Liturgical year;** (Coyle)
 - **The celebration of Mass;** (Coyle)
 - **Meditation** (Tigchelaar)

December

- 1: Evening Prayer and Christmas Social Pot Luck
- No Classes on December 8,15,22, and 29th**

STAGE II: CATECHUMENATE

January

- 5: Introduction to Sacraments and Sacramentals
- 12: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- 17: ***Rites of Welcome and Acceptance (11:00 a.m. Basilica)***
Presence of sponsors required
- 19: Sacrament of Reconciliation and of the Sick (Coyle)
- 26: Sacrament of the Eucharist

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February

- 2: Sacrament of Marriage
- 9: Ashes for Candidates and Catechumens
Teaching on Four Last Things (Coyle)
- 13: ***Lenten Retreat and Preparation for Rite of Election
Explanation of the Lenten Season: (Marie)***
 - ***Meditation (Tigchelaar)***
 - ***Way of the Cross (Alex)***
 - ***Explanation of Rite of Election***
- 14: ***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.)***
- 16: Sacrament of Holy orders (Coyle)
- 23: The Creeds: Nicene and Apostles

STAGE III: PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT
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March

- 2: Basilica Visit (Coyle)
- 9: Church History (Coyle):
- 16: Holy Week Explanation
- 21: ***Palm Sunday (Basilica)****
- 24: ***Chrism Mass (7:30 p.m. - Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)****
- 25: ***Holy Thursday: Institution of the Eucharist and the
Priesthood (8:00 p.m. Basilica)****
- 26: ***Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3:00 p.m. Basilica)****
- 27: ***Holy Saturday (Basilica)***
 - ***10:30 a.m. Rehearsal. Enter by the door at back of basilica from
the priest's parking lot. Presence of sponsors required.***

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Easter Vigil (Basilica)

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

28: *Easter Sunday**

STAGE IV: MYSTAGOGIA

March 30th Sharing on Easter -Pot Luck
■ The Mission of the Laity

***April 4th Mass of the Neophytes (newly baptized) at St. Patrick's Basilica
Second Sunday of Easter April 4th***

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.