



## RCIA Instructional Topics — 2009 to 2010


Orientation to RCIA begins on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, between Masses, and is repeated on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Instructional sessions for the main group of candidates (including children) will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Labor Day.


<u>Session Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Themes, Topics</u>	<u>Week's Feasts</u>
9/13/09 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	Is 50: 5-9a Jas 2: 14-18 Mk 8: 27-35	<p>Themes: The servant of Yahweh has an open ear, is not rebellious; faith without works that prove it is dead; the follower of Jesus must deny himself and take up the cross.</p> <p>Topics 1: Orientation to RCIA—its history, the process, the focus (liturgical), the instruction (not apologetics but understanding leading to faith); sponsors, materials (incl. explanation of syllabus)</p> <p>What is the Gospel; (God's seeking of us); how the catechetical approach mirrors structure of Catechism: God's action (Creed, sacraments), our response (moral life, prayer); how doctrines relate to each other</p> <p>Study Guide: The Call to Holiness</p>	<p>13 John Chrysostom Father &amp; Doctor of Church</p> <p>16 Cornelius, pope</p> <p>16 Cyprian, bishop</p> <p>17 Robert Bellarmine</p>
9/20/09 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	<p>Wis 2: 12. 17-2 Jas 3: 16 – 4: 3 Mk 9: 30-37</p> <p>Dismissal from Mass</p>	<p><b>First dismissal from Mass</b></p> <p>Themes: The enemies of the righteous test his faith by condemning him to a shameful death; wisdom from above is peaceable, but desire provokes enmity; Jesus foretells his passion, reminds disciples that the first must be the last and servant of all.</p> <p>Topics 2: The Church and the mystery of Christ in it; the four marks of the Church (emphasis on <i>catholic</i>); sacred space; if possible, a tour of the church building</p> <p>Study Guide: Church Characteristics</p>	<p>20 Andrew Kim</p> <p>21 Matthew, Apostle</p> <p>23 Padre Pio</p> <p>26 Cosmas and Damian</p>

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9/27/09 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	Nm 11: 25-29 Jas 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 38-43. 45. 47-48	<p>Themes: Moses is not protective of his position but wants the Spirit for all; condemnation of the rich who oppress the poor; Jesus dismisses complaints about those casting out demons in his name, since anyone who is not against him is for him.</p> <p>Topics 3: Revelation—By what authority the Church teaches: Scripture, Tradition; Catholic canon of Scripture; use of Scripture in Church life; interpretation (literal, spiritual; rules of interpretation) and <i>How the Church teaches</i>: the Magisterium and its relation to Revelation—ordinary and extraordinary magisterium; Councils and papal actions; infallibility of the pope and bishops</p> <p>Study Guide: Revelation &amp; The Magisterium of the Church</p>	<p>27 Vincent de Paul 28 Wenceslaus 29 Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael 30 Jerome, Doctor of Church 1 Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of Church 2 Guardian angels</p>
10/04/09 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	Gn 2: 18-24 Heb 2: 9-1 Mk 10: 2-16	<p>Themes: God fashions woman who is bone of the man's bone and flesh of his flesh; it was fitting that God should make the pioneer of salvation (Jesus) perfect through suffering; Jesus states God's intention in creating marriage.</p> <p>Topics 4: Liturgy and private prayer; "the law of prayer is the law of faith", or how the liturgy teaches; the liturgical year. Demonstration of the Liturgy of the Hours (if not done up to now)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> target date for walking tour of the church (after the 11:00 Mass)</p> <p>Study Guide : Liturgy</p>	<p>4 Francis of Assisi 6 St. Bruno 7 Our Lady of Rosary (commemorates naval victory at Lepanto) 9 St. Denis</p>
10/11/09 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	Wis 7: 7-11 Heb 4: 12-13 Mk 10: 17-30	<p>Themes: Solomon prays for wisdom as preferable to all else; the Word of God is living and active, and all are exposed to it; the rich young man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life.</p> <p>Topics 5: Creed—the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed; God, one and three; the work of the Father (creation), of the Son (salvation), of the Spirit (the Church and holiness)</p> <p>Study Guide: The Creeds, The Trinity</p>	<p>14 Callistus I, pope 15 Teresa of Avila, Doctor of Church 16 Margaret Mary Alacoque 16 Hedwig 17 Ignatius of Antioch Father of Church</p>

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<b>10/16/09</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>6:30 PM –</b> <b>9:00 PM</b> 		<p><b>Pot Luck- Bring a dish to pass</b></p> <p>Topics 6: Creed—Creation a key doctrine; creation of things seen and unseen (the spiritual universe; angels and demons; immortal destiny of mankind; life after death in the Greek, Jewish, and Christian minds)  Topics: Creed—Human nature and destiny; original sin; man's need for salvation; temptation, sin; heaven, hell.</p> <p><b>Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming explanation</b></p> <p>Study Guide: Creation of All That Is, Seen and Unseen &amp; Original Sin, Formation of Conscience</p>	18 Luke, Evangelist 19 Isaac Jogues and companions 23 John of Capistrano 24 Anthony Mary Claret
10/18/09 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	Is 53: 10-11 Heb 4: 14-16 Mk 10: 35-45	Themes: The servant who offers his life to the Lord will see the fruit of his offering; we have a high priest who is like us in all things except sin, and knows our weaknesses; disciples who exercise authority must use it as servants, not as overlords.  <b>Breaking open the Word only</b>	
10/25/09 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green	Jer 31: 7-9 Heb 5: 1-6 Mk 10: 46-52	<p><b>Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming (tentative)</b></p> <p>Themes: God will lead his people back to the land, since he is Father to Ephraim; Jesus is called to be the high priest of all, according to the order of Melchizedek; Jesus heals Bartimaeus of blindness.</p> <p>Topics 7: The mystery of the Incarnation  Human descent of Jesus; Messiah and Lord; the humanity and divinity of Jesus; the atoning sacrifice</p> <p>Study Guide: The Person of Jesus</p>	28 Simon & Jude, Apostles
11/01/09 Solemnity of All Saints B—White	Rv 7: 2-4. 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a  <b>Daylight Saving</b>	Themes: The reward of the blessed in Heaven; promise of seeing God as He is  Topics 8: Creed—Communion of Saints; doctrine of Purgatory; Christian meaning of suffering; martyrdom; the canonization of saints  <b>Backup date for walking tour of the church (after the 11:00 Mass)</b>  Study Guide: Saints, Purgatory, Indulgences	1 All Saints (solemnity) 2 All Souls Day 3 Martin de Porres 4 Charles Borromeo


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<p>11/08/09 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green</p>	<p>1 Kgs 17: 10-16 Heb 9: 24-28 Mk 12: 38-44</p>	<p><b>Women's Retreat Weekend</b></p> <p>Themes: Elijah promises enough food for the widow of Zarephath; Jesus offers himself once, for all; Jesus praises the widow who contributes her small amount in the Temple.</p> <p>Topics 9: Creed—Redemption and Justification by faith; grace as Catholics understand it; “what matters is a new creation”; eternal security or confidence in God?</p> <p>Study Guide: Justification, Grace</p>	<p>10 Leo the Great, pope 11 Martin of Tours 13 Frances Cabrini 13 Stanislaus Kostka</p>
<p>11/15/09 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time B—Green</p>	<p>Dn 12: 1-3 Heb 10: 11-14. 18 Mk 13: 24-32</p>	<p>Themes: The dead will arise, some to glory and some to everlasting shame; because of Christ's sacrifice which forgives sins, there is no more need of offerings for sins; Jesus foretells the coming of the Son in glory at the end of time.</p> <p>Topics 10: Creed—The Second Coming, the Resurrection of the dead, the Last Judgment (Book of Revelation and the Kingdom of God)</p> <p>Study Guide: Second Coming, Final Judgment</p>	<p>15 Albert the Great, Doctor of Church 16 Margaret of Scotland 17 Elizabeth of Hungary 18 Rose Duchesne 20 Presentation of the Virgin Mary</p>
<p>11/20/09</p> <p><b>FRIDAY 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM</b></p> 		<p><b>Pot Luck- Bring a dish to pass</b></p> <p>Topics 11: Creed— The Holy Spirit as a person of the Trinity; OT and NT views of the Spirit; Lord and Giver of Life (power/dynamism); Spirit in the Church today.</p> <p>Study Guide: The Holy Spirit. Lord and Giver of Life</p>	<p>22 Cecilia, martyr 23 Clement I, pope 23 Bl. Miguel Pro 24 Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, martyrs</p>
<p>11/22/09 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Jesus the King B—White</p>	<p>Dn 7: 13-14 Rv 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33b-37</p>	<p>Themes: The Son of Man receives eternal dominion; coming of Son of Man on the clouds; Pilate asks about Jesus' kingship</p> <p><b>Breaking open the Word only</b></p>	



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<p>11/29/09 1<sup>st</sup> of Advent C—Violet</p> <p>Thanksgiving Weekend</p>	<p>Jer 33: 14-16 1 Thes 3: 12 – 4: 2 Lk 21: 25-28. 34- 36</p>	<p>Themes: God raises the “just shoot” from the stock of Jesse; Paul exhorts us to live holy lives; we are to be vigilant for the coming of the Son of Man.</p> <p>Topics 12: Creed—”Born of a woman”: the person and role of Mary in the economy of salvation; Marian doctrines (virgin birth; perpetual virginity, immaculate conception, assumption)</p> <p>Study Guide : Marian Doctrines</p>	<p>30 Andrew, Apostle 3 Francis Xavier 4 John Damascene, Father &amp; Doctor</p>
<p>12/06/09 2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent C—Violet</p>	<p>Bar 5: 1-9 Phil 1: 4-6. 8-11 Lk 3: 1-6</p>	<p>Themes: Return of the exiles to Jerusalem; Paul prays that we know how to discern what is right; John the Baptist cries out in the desert.</p> <p>Topics 13: Sacraments—What they are, how they work (God’s action, our response), their necessity, their number. Sacramentals (e.g., holy water, the Bible); blessings of objects &amp; people</p> <p>Study Guide: Sacraments and “Sacramentals”</p>	<p>6 Nicholas 8 Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) 9 Juan Diego 11 Damasus I, pope 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>
<p>12/13/09 3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent C—Violet</p>	<p>Zep 3: 14-18a Phil 4: 4-7/ Lk 3: 10-18</p>	<p>Themes: Jerusalem is to rejoice that God has removed the judgment against her; we are to rejoice in the Lord and put away anxiety; John announces the One who will baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Topics 14: Review: Sacraments as God’s initiative, our response. Sacraments of initiation—Baptism: permanent nature of, baptism of adults &amp; infants, effects of baptism (being “born again”, forgiveness of sin, the imitation of Christ)</p> <p>Study Guide: The Sacrament of Baptism</p>	<p>13 Lucy, martyr 14 John of the Cross, Doctor of Church</p>
<p>12/18/09</p> <p><b>FRIDAY 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM</b></p> 		<p><b>Pot Luck- Bring a dish to pass</b></p> <p>Topics 15: Sacraments of initiation—Confirmation: relation to baptism, permanent nature of. Effects: Confirmation and charisms, Confirmation as a “Church sacrament, ” Confirmation and a life of witness</p> <p>Study Guide: The Sacrament of Confirmation</p>	<p>21 Peter Canisius, Doctor of Church 23 John of Kanty</p>

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12/20/09 4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent C—Violet	Mi 5: 1-4a Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45	Themes: The Messiah will come from Bethlehem Ephratha; Christ has come to do God's will, which sanctifies us; Elizabeth greets Mary. <b>Breaking open the Word only</b>	
12/25/09 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) C—White	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1 1-18	<b>No RCIA</b>	26 Stephen
12/27/09 Feast of the Holy Family C—White	1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21 Lk 2: 41-52	<b>No RCIA</b>	27 John, Apostle & Evangelist 28 Holy Innocents 29 Thomas Becket 31 Sylvester I, pope 2 Basil the Great, Father & Doctor 2 Gregory Nazienzen, Father & Doctor
1/3/10 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord C—White 	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12	<b>Epiphany Party – Brunch - Dish to pass</b>  Themes: Themes: Gentile caravans will come to Zion with gifts of gold and frankincense; the gentiles are coheirs with the Jews of the mystery of salvation; the Magi come from the East with gifts for the infant Jesus.	4 Elizabeth Ann Seton 4 Bl. Angela of Foligno 5 John Neumann 6 Bl. Andre Bessette 7 Raymond of Penyafort
1/10/10 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord C—White	Is 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22	Themes: The Servant of Yahweh is a covenant for the people; people of all nations who fear God are acceptable to him; the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at the Jordan.  Topics 16: Sacraments of initiation—Eucharist (Part 1): Transubstantiation, Eucharistic adoration, other practices. Lent and preparation for Easter (fast, abstinence laws)  Study Guide: Sacrament of the Eucharist	13 Hillary, Father & Doctor


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1/17/10 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time C—Green	Is 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 4-11 Jn 2: 1-11	Themes: God espouses the land to himself; list of the gifts of the Spirit; the wedding at Cana.  Topics 17: Sacraments of initiation—Eucharist (Part 2) Catholic worship, introduction to the Mass (history and structure), a walk through the Missal  Study Guide: <i>None</i>	17 Anthony, abbot 20 Fabian, pope 20 Sebastian, martyr 21 Agnes, martyr 22 Vincent, deacon & martyr
1/24/10 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time C—Green	Neh 8: 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21	<b>Men's retreat Tentative (1/22 – 1/24)</b> Themes: Nehemiah urges the people to make the joy of the Lord their strength; all the gifts act together in unity the angel's announcement to Zechariah.  Topics 18: Sacraments—Marriage (Part 1): Marriage as a sacrament; God's intention for marriage: a vocation and way of holiness; purposes (conjugal love, procreation; contraception)  Study Guide: Sacrament of the Matrimony	24 Francis de Sales, Doctor of Church 26 Margaret of Hungary 26 Timothy & Titus 27 Angela Merici 28 Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of Church
1/31/10 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time C—Green	Jer 1: 4-5. 17-19 1 Cor 12: 31 – 13:13 Lk 4: 21- 30	<b>Men's retreat Tentative (1/29 – 1/31)</b> Themes: God calls Jeremiah to prophesy in spite of opposition; the gifts of the Spirit are to be exercised in love; Jesus is ejected from his home town.  Topics 19: Sacraments—Marriage (Part 2): Its indissolubility, annulment vs. divorce; mixed Christian and inter-cult marriages; family as a "domestic Church"  Study Guide: <i>None</i>	31 John Bosco 2 Blase, martyr 5 Agatha, martyr 6 Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs
2/07/10 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time C—Green	Is 6: 1-2a. 3-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 5: 1-11	Themes: God calls Isaiah to prophesy; Paul proclaims the resurrection, as proved by Jesus' appearances; The call of Simon Peter.  Topics 20: Sacraments—Holy Orders: permanence of, levels (ministerial, priesthood of faithful); discipline of celibacy, ordination of men only. Religious life and the Evangelical Counsels (poverty, chastity, obedience)  Study Guide: Sacrament of the Holy Orders	8 Jerome Emiliani 10 Scholastica

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2/14/10 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time C—Green	Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6: 17, 20-26	Themes: Blest is the man who trusts in the Lord and not in himself; if Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is vain; blest are the poor.  Explanation of Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates and Rite of Anointing of Catechumens  Topics 21: Sacraments of Penance (role of the priest, going to confession, types of sin, what must be confessed, when confession is necessary), Anointing of the Sick  Study Guide: The Sacraments of Penance, Anointing  No Rite of Sending since at CTK	14 Cyril and Methodius
2/17/10 Ash Wednesday C—Violet	Jl 2:12-18 2Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6; 16-18	Fast/Abstain — <b>Not</b> a Holy Day of Obligation	
2/20/10	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32	Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates <b>2:00 p.m. at CTK</b>	
2/21/10 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent C—Violet [A cycle readings may be substituted]	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rm 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11	Anointing of Catechumens Themes: Temptation and fall of Adam and Eve; Jesus' sacrifice is greater than Adam's sin; Jesus is tempted in the desert.  Make appointment for first Penance  Explanation of next week's rites  Topics 22: Formation of the moral conscience; what conscience is: conscience and the reality of moral truth; the role of Catholic moral teaching in the formation of the moral conscience  Study Guide: Original Sin, Formation of Conscience Also: The Virtues	21 Peter Damien, Doctor of Church 23 Polycarp

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<p>2/28/10 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent C—Violet [A cycle readings may be substituted]</p>	<p>Gn 12:1-4 2 Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9</p>	<p>Penetential Rite (Candidates only) Presentation of the Creed (both)</p> <p>Themes: God calls Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees; we are to testify to the salvation Jesus wins for us; the Transfiguration.</p> <p>Explanation of 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny</p> <p>Topics 23: The moral life and the 10 Commandments, what the commandments are for; the value of negative statements, how commandments make life with God possible.</p> <p>Study Guide: 10 Commandments, Gravity of Sin</p>	<p>3 Katherine Drexel 4 Casimir</p>
<p>3/05/10  FRIDAY 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM</p> 	<p>Scrutiny: Ex 17: 3-7 Rom 5: 1-2. 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42.</p> <p>Otherwise: Ex 3: 1-8a. 13-15 1 Cor 10: 1-6. 10-12 Lk 13: 1-9</p>	<p>Pot Luck- Bring a dish to pass</p> <p>Themes: In response to the people's grumbling, God has Moses produce water from the rock; God proves his love for us because Jesus dies for us when we are still sinners; Jesus offers the water of life for the woman at the well.</p>	<p>7 Perpetua &amp; Felicity, martyrs 8 John of God 9 Frances of Rome 9 Gregory of Nyssa, Father &amp; Doctor 9 Dominic Savio</p>
<p>3/7/10 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent C—Violet [A cycle readings may be substituted]</p>	<p>Scrutiny: Ex 17: 3-7 Rom 5: 1-2. 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42.</p> <p>Otherwise: Ex 3: 1-8a. 13-15 1 Cor 10: 1-6. 10-12 Lk 13: 1-9</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny (elect only)</p> <p>Explanation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</p> <p>Topics 24: Commandments pertaining to God (1-3); the Sabbath obligation and worship (including Sundays and holy days of obligation)</p> <p>Study Guide: Commands Regarding God</p>	

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<p>3/14/10 4<sup>th</sup> of Lent C—Violet [A cycle readings may be substituted]</p>	<p>Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41</p> <p>Otherwise: Jos 5: 9a. 10-12 2 Cor 5: 17-21 Lk 15: 1-3. 11-32</p> <p><b>Daylight Saving</b></p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny (elect only)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</b></p> <p>Topics 25: The commandments pertaining to neighbor: Commandments on respect for authority (4), life (5), and truth (8)</p> <p>Study Guide: Commands Regarding Men</p>	
<p><b>3/19/10</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>6:30 PM – 9:00 PM</b></p> 	<p>Scrutiny: Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45</p> <p>Otherwise: Is 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 8-14 Jn 8: 1-11</p>	<p><b>Pot Luck- Bring a dish to pass</b></p> <p>Themes: God promises to bring Israel back to life through the Spirit; If the Spirit can raise Jesus from the dead, he can raise our mortal bodies also; by raising Lazarus from death, Jesus reveals himself as the Resurrection and the Life.</p>	<p>23 Turibius of Mongrovejo 25 Annunciation of the Lord</p>
<p>3/21/10 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent C—Violet [A cycle readings may be substituted]</p>	<p>Scrutiny: Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45</p> <p>Otherwise: Is 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 8-14 Jn 8: 1-11</p>	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny (elect only)</b></p> <p>Topics 26: Commandments related to desire: respect for property (7 &amp; 10) and sexual life (6 &amp; 9).</p> <p>Study Guide <b>Already Distributed:</b> Commands Regarding Men</p>	

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3/27/10		Confessions early afternoon	
3/28/10 6 <sup>th</sup> of Lent (Palm Sunday) C—Red	Procession: Lk 19: 28-40. Mass: Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Lk 22: 14 – 23: 56	Themes: Themes: The Servant of the Lord does not hide himself from buffets and spitting; Jesus is exalted because he emptied himself and accepted death on a cross; Matthew recounts the suffering, condemnation, torture, and crucifixion of Jesus.  Topics 27: The Holy Week Liturgy. Immediate preparation for reception into the Church at the Vigil.  Explanation of Triduum rites  Study Guide: None	2 Francis of Paola
4/3/10 Vigil of Easter C—White	Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ezek 36:16-28 Rm 6:3-11 Lk 24: 1-12	RCIA morning of reflection  Recitation of the Creed (Both) Ephphetha Rite (Elect)  Sacraments of Initiation at the Vigil  Themes: Story of Salvation, Service of Light; the resurrection	4 Isidore of Seville, Doctor of Church 5 Vincent Ferrer 7 Jean Baptiste de la Salle
4/04/10 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ C—White	Acts 10:34-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9	<b>No RCIA:</b>	
4/11/10 Divine Mercy Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter) C—White	Acts 5: 12-16 Rv 1: 9-11a. 12-13. 17-19 Jn 20: 19-31	Period of Mystagogy begins  Themes: Signs and wonders accompany the apostles; John's vision of Jesus and the two-edged sword; appearances to the apostles and to Thomas, and their reason.  Topics 28: Prayer — Ignatian discernment of spirits; true and false spirituality; the tradition of Catholic spirituality  Study Guide: None	11 Stanislaus, martyr 11 Gemma Galgani 12 Damien 13 Martin I, pope 16 Benedict Joseph Labre 16 Bernadette Soubirous

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<p><b>4/16/10</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>6:30 PM –</b> <b>9:00 PM</b></p> 		<p><b>Pot Luck- Bring a dish to pass</b></p> <p>Topics 29: Prayer — the “battle of prayer,” the way of prayer; the tradition of Catholic vocal and contemplative prayer (Catechism, Part IV).</p> <p>Study Guide: Prayer in the Christian Life, Types of Prayer</p>	21 Anselm
<p>4/18/10 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter C—White</p>	<p>Acts 5: 27-32. 40b-41 Rv 5: 11-14 Jn 21: 1-19</p>	<p>Themes: Gamaliel’s advice to the Sanhedrin and its result; heavenly worship of the Lamb; miraculous catch of fish and Jesus’ commission to Peter</p> <p><b>Breaking open the Word only</b></p>	
<p>4/25/10 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter C—White</p>	<p>Acts 13: 14. 43-52 Rv 7: 9. 14b-17 Jn 10: 27-30</p>	<p>Themes: Spread of the Gospel among the Gentiles; the reward of those who endure tribulation; the Shepherd’s care for his sheep</p> <p>Topics 30: Prayer — Jesus teaches us to pray. The Lord’s Prayer, what the Catechism says about it</p> <p>Study Guide: Prayer in the Christian Life; Evangelical Counsels</p>	<p>25 Mark, Evangelist 28 Louis de Montfort 29 Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church 30 Pius V, pope 1 Athanasius, Father &amp; Doctor</p>
<p>5/02/10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter C—White</p>	<p>Acts 14: 21-27 Rv 21: 1-5a Jn 13: 31-33a. 34-35</p>	<p>Themes: Appointment of elders in the churches, and continued spread of Gospel; coming down of the new heaven and earth; ; the “new commandment” to love one another as Jesus does</p> <p>Topics 31: Prayer —Charismatic spirituality; Pauline and Isaian charisms and their relation to the virtues.</p> <p>Study Guide: Isaian and Pauline Charisms</p>	<p>3 Phillip, Apostle 3 James the Less, Apostle</p>
<p>5/09/10 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter C—White</p> <p><b>Mother's day</b></p>	<p>Acts 15: 1-2. 22-29 Rv 21: 10-14. 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29</p>	<p>Themes: The Church takes authority in the matter of circumcision; the new Jerusalem; keeping God” word in the power of the Spirit.</p> <p>Topics 32: Prayer in action — Introduction to Catholic social teaching</p> <p>Study Guide: Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>10 Bl. Damien of Molokai 12 Nereus &amp; Achilleus, martyrs 14 Matthias, Apostle 13 Julian of Norwich</p>

<u>Session Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Themes, Topics</u>	<u>Week's Feasts</u>
5/16/10 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) C—White	Acts 1: 1-11 Heb 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23 Lk 24: 46-53  The following second reading and gospel may be substituted today: Rv 22: 12-14. 16-17. 20 Jn 17: 20-26)	Themes: Only Christ can open to man access to the Father; we are confident of this because our Head and Source has preceded us.  Topics 33: Prayer in action — Exercising the priesthood of the laity; fellowship and service. Stewardship talk.  Study Guide: TBD	20 Bernardine of Siena
5/23/10 Pentecost (Solemnity) C—Red	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3b-7. 12-13 or Rom 8: 8-17 Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 14: 15-16. 23b-26	Themes: Stephen is martyred; the Alpha/Omega blesses those who attain to eternal life; Jesus' prayer for unity among all believers  Final RCIA session 34—open forum, prayer session  Mystagogy ends, Neophyte Year Begins	25 Bede 25 Gregory VII, pope 26 Philip Neri 27 Augustine of Canterbury 30 Joan of Arc 31 Visitation (of Mary to Elizabeth)