

ICBVM RCIA Program 2017-18

Schedule: Monday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, Parish Administration Building, Lower Conference Room, except as otherwise noted below.

Date	Discussion Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
September 11	Welcome and Introduction: <i>The Origins of Faith</i>	Msgr. John McCann Dcn. Paul Hiryak	An overview of the program based upon the four pillars of Catholic Faith.
September 18	<i>The Architecture of Worship: Church Tour</i>	Msgr. John McCann	A look at the design and details of our parish church.
September 25	<i>Why Catholicism is Different? Misconceptions about our Faith</i>	Gregory Myers, Joe Bailey and Pam Amos	Newcomers' perspective on the key misconceptions about Catholicism.
October 2	<i>Catholic Practices and Terminology</i>	Dcn. Jim Bardi	A look at Holy Water, processions, medals, statues and other examples of Catholic devotion.
October 9	<i>How God makes Himself Known (Scripture & Tradition)</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Discussion of the existence of God seen through the Bible and Church teaching.
October 16	<i>The Mass (Part One)</i>	Msgr. John McCann	Examination of the theology of the Mass.
October 23	<i>The Mass (Part Two)</i>	Msgr. John McCann	The ritual (format) of the Mass.
October 30	<i>The Creed: What Catholics Believe (Part I)</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Key elements of the Nicene Creed.
November 6	<i>The Creed: What Catholics Believe (Part II)</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Key elements of the Nicene Creed.
November 13	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i>	Sr. Joan Noreen	Getting to know the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
November 20	<i>The Church</i>	Dcn. Jim Bardi	Organization and Mission of the Catholic Church.
November 27	<i>Sacred Scripture: Old Testament</i>	Dcn. Chuck Giordano	Origins of the Bible. Overview of Hebrew Scripture
December 3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
December 4	<i>Sacred Scripture: New Testament</i>	Dcn. Chuck Giordano	Introduction to The Gospels and Epistles
December 8	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM*		
December 11	<i>Prayer</i>	Sr. Joan Noreen	Communicating with God and having a relationship with Him.
December 18	<i>Holy Trinity</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Examining the Central Mystery of Christian Faith: One God; Three Divine Persons
December 25	CHRISTMAS DAY*		
January 1, 2018	SOLEMNITY OF MARY*		
January 8	<i>The Liturgical Prayer of the Church</i>	Msgr. John McCann	The Church's Prayer Rituals
January 15	<i>The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Examining the Sacraments that are the basis for membership in the Catholic Church.
January 22	<i>The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Examining the Sacraments that restore our relationship with God.
January 29	<i>The Sacraments of Vocation: Matrimony and Holy Orders</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Examining the Sacraments that service others.
February 5	<i>Living the Christian Married Life</i>	Toni and Jim Kaucher	Making a marriage work for more than 50 yrs.
February 12	<i>Lent: A Changing of Heart</i>	Toni and Jim Kaucher	A look at Lent and the other "Seasons" of the Church year.
February 14	ASH WEDNESDAY		Lenten Season Begins
February 18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		Riet of Election @ Cathedral, if appropriate.
February 19	<i>A Catholic Perspective on the Final Things</i>	Dcn. Chuck Giordano	Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. Purgatory, too!
February 26	<i>Science and Christianity</i>	Joseph Gazzillo, Ph.D.	Looking at the relationship between Christian Faith and Science.
March 5, 12 and 19	<i>Catholic Morality</i>	Msgr. John McCann (3/19) Dcn. Paul Hiryak	The Commandments, Temptation, Sin, discussion of issues affecting moral choices and Catholic Social teaching.
March 25	PALM SUNDAY		
March 26	<i>The Paschal Mystery (Holy Week)</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	The Triduum and its importance to Christian belief.
March 29	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM Liturgy		
March 30	GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion		
March 31	GREAT EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Liturgy		
April 1	EASTER DAY*		
April 2	<i>Mystagogy: Living the Faith (Discipleship)</i>	Toni and Jim Kaucher	Being a Catholic requires more than attending Sunday Mass.
April 9	<i>Mystagogy: Growing in Faith</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Resources for continued faith formation.
April 16	<i>Mystagogy: Tag Sheet</i>	Dcn. Paul Hiryak	Discussion of open questions, concerns or concepts throughout this year's program.
May 10	FEAST OF ASCENSION*		
May 20	FEAST OF PENTECOST*		

* Denotes Holy Day of Obligation