

RCIA – Classes starting in January, 2024

From Deacon John:

I will be coordinating and conducting the preparation for the **Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** again this year in the Chapel Meeting Room [the center white door under the chapel next to the grove] ... (or in the Church Hall if there are a large number of people interested). I will provide RSV 2nd edition bibles, catechisms, and a prayer booklet for everyone. (If you want to get a head start read the Gospel of Mark.)

If you are a Roman Catholic that has never been Confirmed, or a Baptized Christian that is joining the Roman Catholic Church, or someone who is not yet validly Baptized and believe you are being called to the faith, this is the perfect time to begin the process to become a Fully Confirmed Communicant.

I will endeavor to meet you where you are in your faith journey and we will attempt the **fewest classes possible**. Everyone will be expected to attend **ALL** classes and participate in Parish Life including attending weekly Masses, Lenten Services, and Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, etc.

The goal is to be ready for Father David Thurber to Confirm everyone at the Easter Vigil (the Saturday evening before Easter) which falls this year on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

The Classes will be held on the following days and times:

- 1) Monday, January 22, 2024 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- 2) Monday, February 05, 2024 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- 3) Monday, February 26, 2024 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- 4) Monday, March 11, 2024 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Sunday, March 17, 2024 will be the Rite of Election/Rite of Reception at the 8:00 AM Mass
- And we will have a rehearsal on Tuesday March 26th, (of Holy Week) at 6:00 PM

BECAUSE I HAVE SET UP TO DO THIS IN SO FEW CLASSES NONE CAN BE MISSED!

In Preparation, here are steps to follow:

- 1) Please be sure you are a Registered Parishioner at St. Barnabas, if not please register now.
- 2) Please obtain a fresh, current copy of your Baptism Record from the Church where you were Baptized. If you were Baptized in another Christian Church, please provide that record which includes the name of the Christian Denomination. We have to ensure it was a VALID Baptism.
- 3) If you are Married, Please provide information concerning where and in which Church, or civilly.
- 4) If you were divorced **at any time in your life** we NEED the final Divorce Decree and a discussion with me personally so we can determine if a formal Annulment is needed.
- 5) Please **COMPLETELY** fill out all the information below to Register for RCIA:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Sacraments already received in the Roman Catholic Church: Baptism____, First Communion ____

Matrimony____, Holy Orders or Vows____,

Are you married Civilly or outside of the Roman Catholic Church?_____, if Yes where?_____

Why do you believe you are being called to be a Roman Catholic?:_____

(The 7 sacraments are: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Penance (Confession), Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, Holy Orders.)

Please Register by 11/06/2023 - Completed forms may be dropped off in the parish office

If you would like further information or have any questions please email Deacon John at

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