

# RCIA



Have you **thought**  
about becoming  
**Catholic?**

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is designed for non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church and for Catholics who may not have received all the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Holy Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe/ St. Jude RCIA journey explores the meaning of faith and how Catholics live out that faith in our community and in the world. It offers a chance to ask questions, raise doubts, understand what we believe, explore the Bible, come to know the sacraments, acquire information, share, learn and grow. The journey helps seekers to discern whether or not God is calling them to become Catholic or as Catholics to be in full communion with the church. Those who decide to complete the journey celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism (if needed), First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA sessions are held (September - May) on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

What's the commitment? First of all, you're not making a commitment to join the Catholic Church. You won't be pressured into making any decisions; you can stop attending the meetings at any time. While most past participants have chosen to join the Church, others have not. That's OK. The Spirit of God works in us differently, and the process requires that all involved respect those individual differences and decisions. You will continue to be welcome at the meetings and in the parish no matter what your decision.

For more info email Joan at: [joangrem@yahoo.com](mailto:joangrem@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at (504) 525-1551 and leave your name and number. Blessings to all who are thinking about this journey.