



2019-2020 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Schedule

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Dear Catechumen, Candidates, Families and Sponsors,

Welcome to the RCIA and CIC journey at St. Albert Catholic Parish! The whole Christian community rejoices that you, your family, and sponsors have chosen to be part of this journey that leads to the celebration of the sacraments at Easter and a life of faith beyond RCIA & RCIA Adapted for Children. Please know that the whole parish supports you and prays for you in this process. We hope these several months are filled with much spiritual growth and deepening of your relationship with God and the Church community. We pray that your preparation leads you to discipleship and spreading the Good News.

Sincerely,

***The Parishioners &
the Pastoral Team of
St. Albert Catholic Parish***



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Reminders and Requirements:

- We meet every Sunday from 11:00am to approximately 1:00pm. Please be on time.
- We will usually meet in the church basement. If not, we will meet in the parish office located behind the church building. Please look out for signs posted on doors.
- Each candidate or catechumen must bring their sponsor and/or spouse and/or parent to the sessions as often as possible and especially on the days indicated on the schedule.
- If you are unable to attend, please contact Darryl ASAP. A makeup assignment will be given, or a makeup date will be assigned.
- This year we will only meet on Sundays for the session however the formation process also includes community formation. This means, candidates and catechumen are invited to attend the other events listed in the schedule, and announced by Darryl.
- In fairness to the process, if you miss more than 5 sessions, we will assess your status. It may be that in this case you be invited to continue to process the following year.
- Please be sure to mark your calendars with all the sessions and events listed.

The sponsor...

- Must be a practicing Catholic who has celebrated (baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist).
- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- There may be one or two. If you have two, one must be male, the other female.
- Must attend the events in the schedule indicated.
- Must be able to witness the catechumen's baptism/profession of faith on Easter Vigil. However, a proxy may stand in his/her place if need be.
- Must be ready to commit time to nurture the faith of the catechumen this year and in the years to come.
- Must be known by November 17.

2019-2020 Schedule

Date	Topic/Event	Notes
Sun. Sep. 15 12:00pm-1:00pm	Orientation (Q1)	Please meet in the parish basement after Mass unless otherwise notified.
Sun. Sep 22 12:00pm-1:00pm	Session 1: Faith (Q2,3)	Please meet in the parish basement after Mass unless otherwise notified.
Sun. Oct. 6 12:00pm-1:00pm	Session 2: The Holy Trinity (Q3)	Please meet in the parish basement unless otherwise notified. Pancake breakfast to follow (free for catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team).
Sun. Oct. 13 12:00pm-1:00pm	Session 3: Who is Jesus Christ (Q4)	Please meet in the parish basement after Mass unless otherwise notified.
Sun. Oct. 20 12:00pm-1:00pm	Session 4: The Bible and Divine Revelation (Q5, Q6)	Please meet in the parish basement after Mass unless otherwise notified.
Sun. Oct. 27 12:00pm-1:00pm	Session 5: Prayer and Catholic Devotions (Q7, Q8)	Please meet in the parish basement after Mass unless otherwise notified.
Sun. Nov. 3 12:00pm-1:15pm	Session 6: The Mass and the Eucharist (Q9, C5)	Please meet in the parish basement unless otherwise notified. Pancake breakfast to follow (free for catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team).
Sun. Nov 10 12:00pm-1:15pm	Session 7: The Church Year and Places in the Church. (Q 10, 11)	Please meet in the parish basement after Mass unless otherwise notified. Tour of Church to follow session.
Sun. Nov. 17 10:40am-1:00pm	Session 8: Leadership in the Church (Q 12, 13) Rite of Acceptance and Welcome	Please meet up in the church at 10:40am. Catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team will sit in the reserved pews up front. Sponsor(s) must attend. We will be dismissed part way through Mass for the session. Catholic family members may stay for the rest of Mass.

Sun. Nov. 24 11:00am-1:00pm	1st Dismissal Feast of Christ the King Session 9: Mary and the Saints (Q 14,15)	Please meet up in the church at 10:40am. Catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team will sit in the reserved pews up front. Sponsor(s) must attend. We will be dismissed part way through Mass for the session. Catholic family members may stay for the rest of Mass. <i>We will do this each Sunday until Easter.</i>
Sun. Dec 1 10:40am -1:00pm	1 st Sunday of Advent Session 10: Eschatology: The Last Things (Q 16)	Pancake breakfast to follow (free for catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team).
Sun. Dec. 8 11:00am-1:00pm	2 nd Sunday of Advent Session 11: People of God (C 10)	
Sun. Dec. 15 11:00am-1:00pm	3 rd Sunday of Advent Session 12: Church History (C11, C12)	
Sun. Dec. 22 11:00am-1:00pm	4 th Sunday of Advent Session 12: The Sacraments: An Introduction	
Tues. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass times: 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10pm & 12am	You are encouraged to attend Mass on Christmas Eve OR Christmas Day.
Weds. Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass times: 9am & 11am	
Tues. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Mass time: 7pm	You are encouraged to attend Mass on New Year's Eve OR New Year's Day. Hot chocolate and fireworks following the Mass.
Weds. Jan. 1	New Year's Day Mass time: 11am	
Sun. Jan. 5	No session	
Sun. Jan. 12 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 13: RCIA Alumni Testimony Day	
Sat. Jan. 18 6-7pm	Chilly Chili Bang Bang	This is a parish community life event. Families are encouraged to attend.
Sun. Jan. 19 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 14: The Sacrament of Baptism (C3)	Baptism of the Lord
Sun. Jan. 26 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 15: Matrimony and Holy Orders (C8, C9)	
Sun. Feb. 2 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 16: The Sacrament of Confirmation (C4)	Pancake breakfast to follow (free for catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team).
Sun. Feb. 9 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 17: The Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (C6, C7)	
Sun. Feb. 16 11:00am-1:00pm	Family Day Weekend No Session	
Sun. Feb 23 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 18: Dignity of Life and Social Justice (C13-C16)	
Wed. Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	This is the beginning of the Lenten season. All are encouraged to attend the evening Mass. Please note: catechumen and

	Mass time: 7pm	candidates are to come forward for a blessing during the communion procession.
Sun. Mar. 1 10:40am-4:00pm	Rite of Election Session 19: Explanation of the Rite of Election (E1)	Please arrive up in the church at 10:40am. Catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team will sit in the reserved pews up front. Sponsor(s) must attend. We will be dismissed part way through Mass for the session. Catholic family members may stay for the rest of Mass. Lunch will be provided following the session. We meet at St. Joseph's Basilica for the Rite which begins at 2:30pm. The Rite of Election is intended for the catechumen, however candidates are encouraged to attend.
Sun. March 8 11:00am-1:00pm	Session 20: Living Lent (E2)	
Sun. Mar. 15 11:00am-1:00pm	1st Scrutiny - Session 21: Scrutinies (E3)	
Sun. Mar. 22 10:40am-1:00pm	2nd Scrutiny - Session 22: The Creed (E4)	Please arrive up in the church at 10:40am. Catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team will sit in the reserved pews up front. Sponsor(s) must attend. We will be dismissed part way through Mass for the session. Catholic family members may stay for the rest of Mass.
Sun. Mar. 29 10:40am-1:00pm	3rd Scrutiny - Session 23: The Way of the Cross (E5)	Please arrive up in the church at 10:40am. Catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team will sit in the reserved pews up front. Sponsor(s) must attend. We will be dismissed part way through Mass for the session. Catholic family members may stay for the rest of Mass.
Sun. Apr. 5 11:00am-1:00pm	Palm Sunday Mass Session 24: The Meaning of Holy Week (E7)	Please note, on this day we will sit in reserved pews in the rear of the church. Following the gospel, we will quietly exit to the basement. This is the start of the holiest week of the year. It is the lead up to the celebration of the sacraments. Sponsor(s) must attend.
Thurs. Apr. 9	Holy Thursday Mass time: 7pm	Families are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on this day. Candidates and catechumen are invited to have their feet washed by Fr. Ignacy.
Fri. Apr. 10	Good Friday Liturgy: 12 and 3pm	Families are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on this day.
Sat. Apr. 11 10:00am-12:00 pm	Retreat – (E8) Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed	Location TBD. Sponsor(s) must attend.
Sat. Apr. 11 Time TBD	Easter Vigil Mass (Celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) Champagne Reception to follow	This is the big night. There will be reserved seating for you and your family and guests. This is celebration will last for about 2-3 hours. Sponsor(s) must attend.
Sun. Apr. 12	Easter Sunday Mass times: 9am & 11am Easter egg hunt No session	
Sun. Apr. 19 12:00-1:00pm	Feast of the Divine Mercy Session 25: Conversion (M1)	The session begins after the 11am Mass (12:00-1:00pm).

Sun. Apr 26 12:00-1:00pm	Session 26 – M2, M3 Final Session	<p>The session begins after the 11am Mass (12:00-1:00pm). Sponsor(s) must attend. Pancake breakfast to follow (free for catechumen, candidates, sponsors, family and team). This will not be a formal session, but will include the catechists giving their final thoughts on what it means to be a fully initiated Catholic.</p>