

Religious Education & RCIA

RE NEWS

***Reconciliation/1st Communion year II and RCIC II parents** should plan to attend one of the first two parent information meetings on preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this fall.
Option 1: Sun, Oct. 6 from 10:05-11:05 a.m. in the parish hall
Option 2: Wed, Oct. 9 from 7-8 p.m. in the Marian Room
***Student safe environment training** will be the weekend of Oct. 6 in the classrooms. There will be a **drawing for prizes** for kids who attend this first weekend!

*There will be NO RE class the weekend of Oct. 12-13. Enjoy the long weekend!

RCIA NEWS

+There will be a combined Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming held during the 11:15 a.m. mass on Oct. 13, 2019.

+Time is getting short to start the RCIA Process for this upcoming year! **Are you interested in becoming Catholic in 2020 or know someone who is?** The first step of RCIA is an Inquiry class that meets from 10:05-11:05 a.m. in the library. The class is informal and fun! **Upcoming inquiry dates are as follows: Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 8 & 15**

+Please note that these classes are a **required part** of the RCIA formation process. Please call Kerry Acker to get started!

Contact Kerry Acker DRE at kacker@stthomasamarillo.org or 806.358.2461, Ext. 106, for more info on RCIA or Religious Education

Adult Faith Formation



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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Week at a Glance

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel
6:30 p.m. - St. Thomas Men's Club - Chapel/Msgr. Tash Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 a.m. - "The Pivotal Players" (AFF) - Marian Room
1:45 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Marian Room
6:30 p.m. - Safe Environment Training - B1 Media Room
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Gym

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 a.m. - Community Bible Study - Parlor
9:30 a.m. - Marianist Group - Groom's Room
5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - Parlor
6:30 p.m. - RCIA Class - Upper Room (S)
6:30 p.m. - Confirmation I Class - B9
6:30 p.m. - "The New Evangelization" (AFF) - Upper Room (N)
6:30 p.m. - 1st Communion II Class - Classroom A-2
6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing
6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choirs - Music Wing
6:30 p.m. - RCIA Event - Church
7:00 p.m. - High School STAY - The Dwelling/Gym
7:00 p.m. - 1st Reconciliation/Communion Parent Mtg. (II) Marian Room
7:00 p.m. - RCIA Sponsor Training - Library
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel
1:30 p.m. - Focolare Group - Marian Room
7:00 p.m. - Baptism Class - Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:15 a.m. - Break of Dawn Mens' Ministry - Upper Room (N)
12:00 p.m. - Annual Rosary Rally - Church
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 a.m. - KC Breakfast - Gym
10:00 a.m. - RCIA Inquiry Class - Library
10:05 a.m. - NO RE CLASSES
11:15 a.m. - Rite of Welcome/Acceptance - Church
4:30 p.m. - Young in Spirit - Msgr. Tash Hall



Rachel's Corner

Abortion After-Care Healing

According to Dr. Philip Ney, noted child psychiatrist, researcher and author from Canada, abortion has a negative effect on the siblings of aborted children. Siblings can exhibit what is called "survivor syndrome," or the feelings of guilt and confusion for surviving when their siblings did not as well as having a lack of bonding and trust with their mother. We can help.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Lubbock area is on Nov.8-10, 2019

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