

## Religious Education & RCIA

### RE NEWS

\***Confirmation I families** should plan to attend one of the two parent information meetings on preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

**Option 1:** Sun, Oct. 20 from 10:05-10:45 a.m. in the parish hall  
OR

**Option 2:** Wed, Oct. 23 from 7-7:45 p.m. in the Marian Room

\***Make up student safe training** will be the weekend of Oct. 20 in the classrooms.

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

### RCIA NEWS

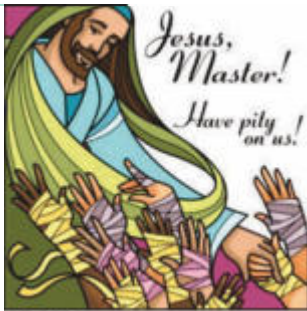
+There will be a combined Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming held during the 11:15 a.m. mass on Oct. 13, 2019.

+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. 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](mailto:kacker@stthomasamarillo.org) or 806.358.2461, Ext. 106, for more info on RCIA or Religious Education

## Adult Faith Formation



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts—first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!

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## Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

COLUMBUS DAY - PARISH OFFICES CLOSED  
7:00 p.m. - Altar Guild - Msgr. Tash Hall

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

2:00 p.m. - Our Lady's Rosary Makers - Marian Room  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Gym

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

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. - "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. - Combined Choir Rehearsal - Church  
7:00 p.m. - High School STAY - The Dwelling/Gym  
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. - Young Adults - The Dwelling

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:15 a.m. - Break of Dawn Mens' Ministry - Upper Room (N)  
3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel  
5:00 p.m. - Combined Music Mass #1 - Church

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 a.m. - Combined Music Mass #2 - Church  
10:00 a.m. - RCIA Inquiry Class - Library  
10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Parent (1) Meeting - Msgr. Tash Hall  
10:05 a.m. - RE Classes - Education/Pre-K Wing  
10:05 a.m. - "No Greater Love" (AFF) - Upper Room (S)  
10:05 a.m. - "Romans" (AFF) - Upper Room (N)  
4:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Bridge Club - Parlor  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Orchestra - Music Wing  
5:30 p.m. - F.A.S.T. - The Dwelling/Gym  
5:30 p.m. - Youth Bells - Music Wing  
6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir - Music Wing  
7:00 p.m. - Middle School S.T.A.Y. - The Dwelling/Gym



### Rachel's Corner

#### Abortion After-Care Healing

"I NEVER believed that I could find forgiveness for my abortion. Through the love of the retreat team and the mercy of God, that forgiveness has been received gladly!"

~Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

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

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