

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 will be the weekend of Oct. 20 in the classrooms.

RCIA NEWS

+Please welcome: Socorra Carrillo, Robert Garza, Jason Hudson, Chriscella Mariscal, Terry Phelan, and Krystle Rios to the Catechumenate! **Please welcome:** Fabian Mariscal and Shelbee McWright to the Adult Confirmation process!

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. 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!

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Adult Faith Formation



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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Week at a Glance

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:00 p.m. - Contemplative Power Hour - Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 a.m. - The Pivotal Players (AFF) - Marian Room

1:45 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 87 - Gym

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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. - Confirmation I Class - Room B-9

6:30 p.m. - First Communion II Class - Classroom A-2

6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing

6:30 p.m. - KIDS Choirs - Music Wing

7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Parent Meeting - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - High School STAY - The Dwelling/Gym

7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir - Music Wing

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Diaconate Prayer Group - Parlor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:15 a.m. - Break of Dawn Mens' Ministry - Upper Room (N)

9:00 a.m. - Natural Family Planning Class - Marian Room

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

6:00 p.m. - Halloween Carnival - Gym/Msgr. Tash Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00 a.m. - RCIA Inquiry Class - Library

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)

11:15 a.m. - Combined Music Mass #3 - Church

12:15 p.m. - Combined Choir Luncheon - Gym

