

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Period of Purification and Enlightenment

During the period of purification and enlightenment, the focus becomes a stronger emphasis on the spiritual and mystical life in preparation for the sacraments. The guidelines for this period (which normally coincides with Lent) as well as the rites associated with them, enable catechists to shift the focus of teaching to reflection and meditation.

<p>Sunday, March 5, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 Enlightenment Session 1 Living Lent</p>
<p>Sunday, March 5, 2017 3:30 PM Service for Catechumens SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral</p>	<p>Rite of Election: Enrollment of Names SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral</p>
<p>Sunday, March 12, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 Enlightenment Session 2 Scrutinies: Looking Within</p>
<p>Sunday, March 19, 2017 9 AM Mass: Celebrate the 1st Scrutiny Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Enlightenment Session 3 The Creed</p>
<p>Sunday, March 26, 2017 9 AM Mass: Celebrate the 2nd Scrutiny Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 Enlightenment Session 4 The Way of the Cross</p>
<p>Sunday, April 2, 2017 9 AM Mass: Celebrate the 3rd Scrutiny Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Enlightenment Session 5 The Meaning of Holy Week</p>
<p>Saturday, April 8 9 AM to 2 PM The Franciscan Renewal Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIA Retreat for the Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54 Enlightenment Session 6 The Lord Prayer
Thursday, April 13, 2017 7 PM Mass No Dismissal	Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Adoration following in the Sacred Garden until midnight (12 AM)
Friday, April 14, 2017 3 PM Service No Dismissal	Good Friday Service Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 Adoration of the Blessed Cross until 8 PM.
Saturday, April 15, 2017 7:30 PM Mass: Celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
Sunday, April 16, 2017 9 AM Mass	Easter Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

Goal: To help the elect achieve an intimate knowledge of Christ and His Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.