



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults
Roman Catholic English-speaking Parish: Church of our Saviour

RCIA 2026-2027

Themes and dates

	Themes:	YouCat	CCC	Location and remarks	Date
Acquaintance					
1	Meet & greet, Introduction			Most likely at COS after evening mass Since it is a potluck please bring some food and drinks, preferably from your homecountry	27-Sept-2026 19:00
2	The cross and the fish The Teachings of Jesus	360 86-112	512-570 1716-1845	COS after morning mass Jesus' quotes/teachings video/sermon-on-the-mount david-flusser-on-the-historical-jesus Pinchas-Lapide-the-resurrection-of-jesus-another-jewish-perspective	11-Oct-2026 11:30
3	The Scriptures (Bible)	12-19; 15-16; 22;		COS All Souls Bring your own Bible overview books-of-the-bible	18-Oct-2026 11:30
4	History of Christianity. How the Church came into being.	166-192	1066-1209 1322-1419	COS Deadline for completed forms, fees, baptism certificates video/history of Christianity	8-Nov-2026 11:30
Focus on choice					
5	Sacraments and sacramentals	119-129; 172-178; 224-272; 272-276		COS video/7-catholic-sacraments sacraments-of-the-catholic-church sacramentals	22-Nov-2026 11:30
A	Rite of welcome RCIA in Parish community			COS Rites of welcome Sunday morning mass - RCIA Rite of Welcome	22-Nov-2026 10:00 Mass
6	Baptism, Eucharist and confirmation	194-207; 208-223;		COS	13-12-2026 11:30
Growing in Faith					
B	Christmas			Christmas - Vigil ('Midnight' mass) – RCIA Christmas day (morning mass) – RCIA	24-Dec-2026 21.30 25-Dec-2026

				Boxing Day	11:00 26-Dec-2026 11:00
7	What is prayer? How Jesus taught us to pray	490-510 511-527	484-511 963-975	COS Choose your own saint in following weeks and present on the RCIA on 8th of March prayer-for-our-earth prayer-and-worship video/praying-according-to-Teresa-of-Avila video/lords-prayer explained	10-Jan-2027 11:30
C	Mass			Sunday morning mass - RCIA The Our Father	17-Jan-2027 10:00
8	What do we believe in as Christians? The Creed	24-29; 76; 214; 307	748-945	COS Write your own Creed in the week following Nicene-Creed background info the-Apostles-and-Nicene-Creed	24-Jan-2027 11:30
D	The Creed			Sunday morning mass - RCIA Presenting the Creed RCIA volunteers requested to read their Creed in mass.	31-Jan-2027 10:00
9	Suffering and Liberation: Easter - Resurrection	66; 102 105; 171; 188; 227; 277; 365		COS ash-wednesday-to-easter-sunday video and text/prayers/station-of-the-cross	7-Feb-2027 11:30
E	Start of Lent			Ash Wednesday (evening celebration) - RCIA	10-Feb-2027 19:00
10	Lives of the Apostles and Saints. Presentation of personal saint			COS Choose your own Saint video/lives-of-the-12-Apostles	21-Feb-2027 11:30
F	3 rd Sunday of Lent mass			3 rd Sunday of Lent morning mass (Samaritan woman) - RCIA RCIA catecheses following the Homily in Atrium/bar	28-Feb-2027 10.00
G	4 th Sunday in Lent mass			4 th Sunday of Lent morning mass (The blind man) – RCIA RCIA catecheses following homily	7-March-2027 10.00
11	The Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit	469-478; 482-489; 490-510	2623-2649 2683-2758	Potluck lunch at COS after morning mass, with Q&A Fr. Sjaak will be invited ; you can ask any questions that has not been answered yet? Living-from-His-Love lyrics/andreabocelli-celinedion/theprayer what-is-prayer st-teresa-of-avila-guide-to-personal-prayer	7-March-2027 11:30
H	Class following the Homily during morning mass.			5 th Sunday of Lent morning mass (Mary and Martha) – RCIA RCIA meets privately during eucharist	14-March-2027 10.00
12	The Holy Eucharist: Understanding Mass	208-223; 277	946-962 1716-1845	COS Watching DVD 'Amazing gift' trailer Amazing gift-instructional reg.Eucharist the-mass/order-of-service Fitting robes for Easter Sunday in the Sacristy	14-March-2027 11:30
I	Palm Sunday mass			Palm Sunday- RCIA	21-March-2027 10.00

J				Holy week Chrism mass at Rotterdam Cathedral – RCIA	24-March-2027 19.30
K				Holy Thursday – RCIA foot washing We ask that you consider having your feet washed as part of the Holy Thursday mass as Jesus' disciples	25-March-2027 19.30
L				Good Friday the stations of the cross – RCIA Veneration of the Cross – RCIA	26-March-2027 15:00 19.30
<i>Rites of Initiation</i>					
M	Easter Vigil			Easter Easter Vigil (late evening mass) – RCIA Rites of Baptism and Confirmation during mass RCIA reception follows mass –RCIA bring goodies	27-March-2027 21:30
N	Easter			Easter (Sunday morning mass) RCIA RCIA neophytes procession at mass and bless the people with holy water	28-March-2027 11.00
<i>Living the Mystery</i>					
13	Personal experiences following initiation			COS mystery-of-God-in-the-scriptures The+Mystery+of+the+Eucharist+in+the+Life+of+the+Church solemnity-of-the-ascension-of-the-lord video/what-is-pentecost-and-why-is-it-important	2-May-2027
O	Ascension			Ascension of the Lord	6-May-2027 11:00
P	Pentecost			Pentecost - RCIA procession Four people (preferably RCIA) to represent the elements of the Earth.	17-May-2027 11.00

Note

A up to P indicate mass services where RCIA candidates are especially invited to be present;
1-12 indicate RCIA meetings

Each meeting will last 1-1.5 hour max. Times and locations can be subject to change though normally after morning mass at the indicated dates above

Literature:

Catechisms of the Catholic Church: [CCC compendium](#)

Find a copy of the readings for Sunday Masses: [readings calendar](#)

The textbook is the Youth Catechism. You can find it in your native language. <https://youcat.org/>