

# Becoming Catholic

The image shows the exterior of a modern church building. The central focus is a large, arched glass entrance framed by light-colored brickwork. The arch is composed of several concentric layers of bricks. The glass reflects the surrounding greenery and sky. To the left and right of the arch are sections of the building with dark-framed windows and a dark metal roof. In the foreground, there are several large, dark blue planters containing various green plants and small trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Easter 2017

# Your Faith Journey

- Building your Relationship with Christ and His Church.
- It is your Journey.
- Seeking to know Jesus-“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.”  
(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, para 164)

# Why are we here?

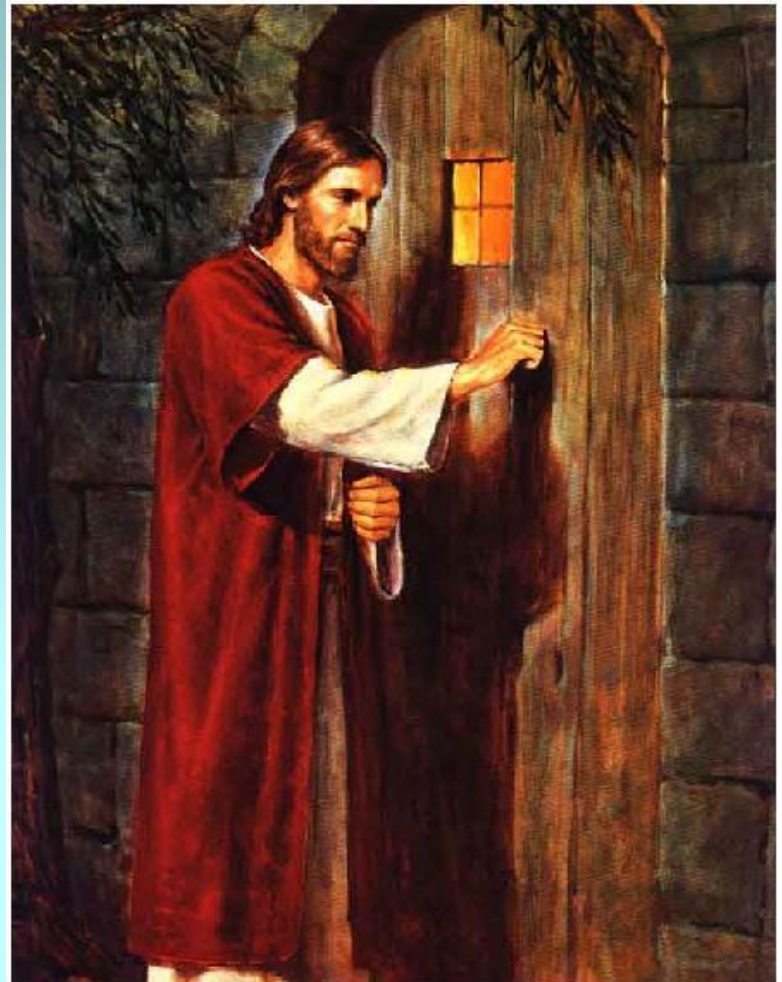
God "calls man to seek him, to know him to love him, with all his strength."

(CCC 1)

# The Door to Faith

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.”

(Revelation 3:20 )



What is Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults?

Who is a Candidate?

Who is a Catechumen?

Individuals Seeking Confirmation

Current Catholics seeking more knowledge

People simply seeking knowledge about the

Church

# Catechism of the Catholic Church

- We will be using United States Catholic Catechism for Adults
  - References the Catechism
  - Written for the lay person
- Common Reference is to a paragraph number rather than page number. (CCC 1)
- Glossary—defines many of the terms we use
- Other Recommended Church Reading

# Catholic Answer Bible

- Catholic Church is a Bible Church
- Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation
- Names and Order of Books in the Bible
- Origin, Inspiration and History of the Bible
- Old Testament-Story of the Jewish People
- New Testament-Story of Jesus and the Founding of the Church
- Inserts—See O-1

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

## The Stages of the Rite

- Inquiry
- Rite of Welcome
- Breaking Open the Word
- Rite of Election
- Period of Purification and Enlightenment
- Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist)



# Expectations

- Listen to the Holy Spirit
- Your presence is important, learning will not happen if you are not here
  - Save the date--Highest Priority
  - Tuesday Nights --We love to have you here every week. We record the sessions and have handouts for when you miss

# Expectations

- Your entry into the Church is your choice, and will happen when you are ready.
- For those choosing to continue and enter the Church attendance on Sundays starting in December is important
- Program will start promptly at 7:00—we ask you to be here on time  
Classes will conclude with discussion and time for questions and close at 8:30

# Ground Rules for Sharing

R - take responsibility for what you say and feel without blaming others

E - empathetic listening - enter into the other person's situation and point of view

S - be sensitive to differences in communication styles

P - ponder what you hear and feel before you speak

E - examine your own assumptions and perceptions

C - keep confidentiality

T - tolerate ambiguity because we are not here to debate who is right or wrong

Ask  
Questions

# Marriage and the Family

# Your Turn-let's talk.

- Introduce yourself
- Why are you here?
- What are your burning questions about the Catholic Church?