

*St. Thomas More Catholic Parish*  
**PARISH FAMILY AND FAITH FORMATION**  
2020-2021

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**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Fr. Thai Le (Ext. 112 or 110)

**When:** Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Starts:** **Thursday, October 3, 2020**

**Classes:** Zoom – Meeting ID **to be provided**

*Welcome!*

This year, I welcome you and your loved ones to a new school experience under exceptional circumstances. For the first time, we are going to start classes online! I am so excited to share with you my own experiences of faith in God as well as the teachings of the Catholic Church.

- You will need to prepare by setting up the Zoom conference app, which is available on almost any device: A laptop, desktop, tablet, or smartphone to access the class sessions
  - I will host outdoor classes for those who do not have or can't access, Zoom
- Classes begin on **Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm**, ending by 8:00 pm
  - Online study will continue for eight months with 23 lessons
- Lectures will last about 45 minutes, followed by discussions
- I invite and encourage everyone to share their thoughts and experiences about this journey

**CLASS SESSIONS**

Lesson 1	What we believe?
Lesson 2	Sources of Catholic believes
Lesson 3	God's Plan
Lesson 4	Holy Family
Lesson 5	Life in Family
Lesson 6	Ministry and Mission
Lesson 7	Suffering
Lesson 8	Death
Lesson 9	Resurrection
Lesson 10	Pentecost
Lesson 11	Birth of the Church

Lesson 12	Future
Lesson 13	Sacraments – Introduction
Lesson 14	Sacrament of Baptism
Lesson 15	Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
Lesson 16	Sacrament of Confirmation
Lesson 17	Sacrament of Holy Orders
Lesson 18	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lesson 19	Sacrament of Matrimony
Lesson 20	Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Lesson 21	Holy Men and Women
Lesson 22	Prayers
Lesson 23	Human Person and Family

## **Lesson One**

*What do we believe?*

### Lesson Outline

**Objective: We believe because there are some sources of evidence**

#### **I. Your initiative**

- Have you ever met your great grandparents?
- Fact
- Truth

#### **II. Other's initiative**

- How our bodies turn food to energy?
- How a virus enters humans' bodies?
- How do you perceive materials in the environment?

#### **III. Catholic Sources of Belief**

- Oral Tradition
- Sacred Scriptures
- Teachings of the Church

#### **IV. Scriptures Passages**

- John 3:17-18 "God sent His Son to the world..."
- Luke 22:19 The Last Supper
- Matthew 26:26
- Mark 14:22

#### **V. God's Actions**

For each passage:

- What is God's plan?
- What is Jesus doing?

#### **VI. Key elements in Scriptures**

- Compassion
- Longing for God
- Humility
- Prayer
- Relationships

#### **VII. Personal growth as travelers**

- How open are you to acknowledging that you long for God?
- How do the sources of belief help you to believe in Jesus?
- How these sources affect your relationship with God and the people around you?

### **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

#### *Stage of curiosity*

The stage that you have known and seen Catholics practice their faith, and you want to know more. It could be your friends or a loved one introduces to you, and you are not *quite sure* about the Catholic institution.

#### *Catechumenate*

You have had some training for a life in Christ. This stage, you have learned the basic teachings of the Catholic faith. Finally, you decide to "jump in the boat!"

#### *Journey*

Fr. Thai will prepare you with the teachings of the Church and the Mystery of God's love for you and humanity: The Catholic Church will receive you.

#### *Initiation*

RCIA is a process of learning and growing. You will take the initiative to be received into the Catholic Church and accept the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on the Easter Vigil Mass.

#### *Reflections*

After Easter Celebration, I invite you to reflect upon the journey, process, and mystery of the Sacraments and the Eucharist that you are participating in.