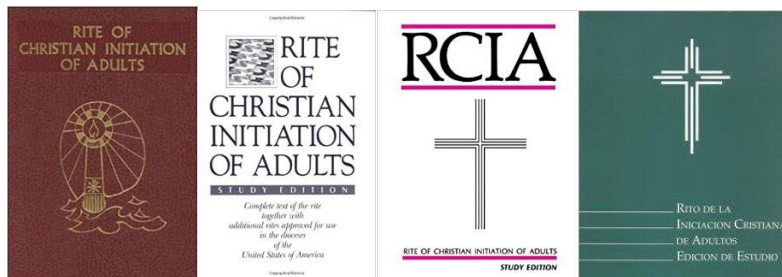

RCIA 2020

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Archdiocesan Liturgies for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Rite of Election** - Sunday, March 1, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. [n. 6.2, 118-137]
- **Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion of the Catholic Church and Confirmation, Eucharist** - Sunday, May 17, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. [n.473-504]

Additional references/dates for parish based rites for the RCIA.

- **Rite of Acceptance**— This rite may be celebrated two or three times per year. (cf. n. 18.3) [n. 18, 28, 41-74]
- **Rite of Welcoming** – [n. 405, 411-433; Ap. III, n. 25, 31]
- **Celebrations of the Word of God** (optional) [n. 75.3, 81-89]
- **Minor Exorcisms** (optional) [n. 89, 90-94]
- **Blessings** (optional) [n.89, 95-97; Ap. III, n.8]
- **Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens** (optional) [n.79, 98-103]
- **Rite of Sending (and Rite of Election at the Cathedral)** - Sunday, March 1, 2020 [n. 106-117] [n 6.2, 118-137]
- **The Penitential Rite** – March 8, 2020 (Second Sunday of Lent) [n. 459-472]
- **First Scrutiny** - Sunday, March 15, 2020 (The Third Sunday of Lent) [n. 150-156]

- **Presentation of the Creed**** – During the Third Week of Lent [n. 157-163]
- **Second Scrutiny** - Sunday, March 22, 2020 (Fourth Sunday of Lent) [n. 164-170]
- **Third Scrutiny** - Sunday, March 29, 2020 (Fifth Sunday of Lent) [n. 171-177]
- **Presentation of the Lord's Prayer**** – During the Fifth Week of Lent [n. 178-184]
 **[Presentations may be used with candidates – n. 407]
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** [Ap. III, n. 27, 36]
- **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** [n.22, n.185-205; Ap. III, n. 15]
- **Recitation of the Creed** [n. 193-196]; **Ephphetha Rite** [n. 197-199]; **Choosing a Baptismal Name** [n. 200-202]
- **Easter Vigil** - Saturday, April 11, 2020 [n. 219-246]

Other Important Dates

- **RCIA Training Day**-September 28, 2019
- **Preliminary List of Names due** – November 20, 2019
- **Final list of Names due** – January 9, 2020
- **Rehearsal for Rites** – February 11, 2020 at 10 am and 6:45 pm
- **All Paperwork due** – February 5, 2020

*Candidates for Confirmation and First Eucharist may also receive the sacraments on a Sunday during the Easter season at the parish if they do not go to the Rite of Reception.

* “Since children who have reached the use of reason are considered, for the purposes of Christian initiation, to be adults (canon 852:1), their formation should follow the general pattern of the ordinary catechumenate as far as possible, with appropriate adaptations permitted by the ritual. They should receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, together with the older catechumens.” [Appendix III, n. 18]

* **Seven as the age of reason.** [O]n completion of the seventh year [...] the minor is presumed to have the use of reason. [see Can. 97:1, 2]