



THE BASILICA OF  
**SAINT MARY**  
 Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

## RCIA Calendar 2023-2024

**Date and Time:** Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm

**Location:** Basilica Lyceum Auditorium (313 Duke Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Alexandria, VA)

**Materials:** Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), Outlines of the Catholic Faith

\*The Basilica will provide each participant with their own copies of each of these materials.

\*\*Please note that CCC readings are assigned by paragraphs, not pages.

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**2023:**

August 28	Open House and Welcome/What is the RCIA process?
<b>September 4</b>	<b>No Session – Labor Day</b>
September 11	Faith and Reason (CCC 144-165)
September 18	Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium ( <i>Dei Verbum</i> )
September 25	Salvation History (CCC 51-67, 355-412, 702-730)
October 2	The Creed and One God (CCC 185-260); Diocesan Rosary Congress: October 8 (Our Lady of the Rosary)-October 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)
<b>October 9</b>	<b>No Session – Columbus Day</b>
October 16	The Holy Trinity Part I (CCC 430-478, 484-486, 687-741)
October 23	The Holy Trinity Part II
October 30	The Catholic Church (CCC 748-865)
November 6	Judgement, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory (CCC 1020-1050)
November 13	The Sacraments/The Liturgical Calendar (CCC 1113-1130, 1210-1211)
<b>November 19 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcoming (at the 11:30 am Mass)</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>No Session – Thanksgiving Week</b>
November 27	The Mass Explained (CCC 1322-1344) <i>*meet in the Basilica</i>
December 4	The Blessed Virgin Mary (CCC 487-507)
December 11	Church Tour (CCC 1179-1199) <i>*meet in the Basilica</i>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Basilica Advent Social (Christmas Tree Lighting, Carols, hosted by RCIA following 5 pm Mass)</b>
December 18	Baptism and Confirmation (CCC 1212-1314)
December 25	No Session – Christmas Break

**2024:**

<b>January 1</b>	<b>No Session – Christmas Break</b>
<b>January 7 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcoming (at the 11:30 am Mass)</b>
January 8/22	The Holy Eucharist (CCC 1345-1405) <b>Minor Exorcism with Blessing of the Catechumens</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>No Session – MLK Jr. Day</b>
January 22/8	Confession and Anointing of the Sick (CCC 1420-1532) <b>Minor Exorcism, Blessing and Anointing of the Catechumens</b>
January 29	Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony (CCC 1533-1666)
February 3 (tentative)	RCIA Retreat/Pilgrimage (Prayer, CCC 2558-2565, 2599-2615, 2697-2745 and Sacred Scripture and Spiritual Reading), 8:30 am-3:30 pm
February 5	Morality – Formation of Conscience, Sin, and Grace (CCC 1700-1756; 1776-1794; 1846-1869; 1949-2016)
February 12	Commandments 1-3 (CCC 2083-2188)
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday – Day of Fasting and Abstaining from Meat</b>
<b>February 18</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>Rite of Sending at the Basilica of St. Mary at the 10:00 am Mass with Rite of Election and Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion (afternoon at Cathedral with Bishop Burbidge)</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>No Session – President’s Day</b>
<b>February 25</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>Penitential Rite (Scrutiny) for baptized Candidates at 11:30 am Mass</b>
February 26	Commandments 4 and 5 (CCC 2196-2317)
<b>March 3</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>First Scrutiny for the Elect within 10:00 am Mass</b>
March 4	Commandments 6 and 9 (CCC 2331-2391, 2514-2527) <b>Presentation of the Creed</b>
<b>March 10</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>Second Scrutiny for the Elect within 10:00 am Mass</b>
March 11	Commandments 7-8, 10 (CCC 2401-2503, 2534-2550)
<b>March 17</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>Third Scrutiny for the Elect within 11:30 am Mass</b>
March 18	RCIA Interviews
March 25	Confession talk followed by First Confessions for baptized Candidates w/ <b>Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer for Catechumens</b> *meet in the Basilica
<b>March 30</b> Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Rehearsal @ 10:00 am for Catechumens, Candidates, Godparents/Sponsors w/ <b>Preparation Rites for Catechumens</b> <b>Easter Vigil Mass beginning around 8 pm (for Catechumens and Candidates)</b> *meet in the Basilica
<b>April 1</b>	<b>No Session – Easter Monday</b>
April 8	Universal Call to Holiness, Vices, and Virtues (CCC 1762-1770, 1803-1832, 1865–1866)
April 15	Christian Discipleship
April 22	Sanctifying Daily Life, Apostolates
April 29	Evangelization, Apostolates – Final Meeting (CCC 849-856; 2044-2046; 2225; 2471-2474)