













St Augustine/St Mary JOURNEY OF FAITH

2017 – 2018 Calendar

Thursdays: 6:30 – 8:00 pm - in classrooms 1 & 2

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September 2017	October	November
<p>Thursday 7 New Year Begins-class in session 14 Class in Session 21 Class in Session 28 Class in Session</p> 	<p>Thursday 5 Class in Session 12 Class in Session 19 Class in Session 26 Class in Session 31 ALL HALLOWS EVE</p> 	<p>Thursday 2 Class in Session 9 Class in Session 16 Class in Session 23 Thanksgiving Day – No Class Sun. 26 1st Sunday of ADVENT 30 Class in Session</p> 
<p>December Thursday 7 Class in Session 14 Class in Session 21 Christmas Break –No Class 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 28 Christmas Break – No Class</p> 	<p>January 2018 Thursday 4 Class in Session 12 Class in session 18 Class in Session 25 Class in Session</p>  <p><i>Power to Forgive</i> <i>Lent is coming, consider what you would like to do to prepare for Easter.</i></p>	<p>February Thursday 1 Class in Session 8 Class in Session 14 ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT BEGINS MASS @ 7:00 PM 15 Class in Session 21 WED. – Rite of Election @ St. A's 22 Class in Session</p> 
<p>March Thursday 1 Class in Session 8 Class in Session 15 Class in Session 22 Class in Session 29 HOLY THURSDAY –MASS 7:00PM 30 GOOD FRIDAY –ADORATION OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM 31 EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00 PM</p> 	<p>April Thursday 1 EASTER SUNDAY 5 Class in Session 12 No Class-Pilgrimage! 19 Class in Session 26 Class in Session</p> 	<p>May Thursday 3 Class in Session 10 Class in Session Sun. 13 Mother's Day 17 Class in Session Sun. 20 –PENTECOST 24 Class in Session 31 Class in Session</p> 
<p>June Thursday 7 Class in Session 14 Class in Session Sun. 17 Father's Day 21 Class in Session 28 Class in Session</p> 	<p>July Thursday 5, 12, 19 & 26 NO CLASSES See you again in August!</p> 	<p>August 2018 Thursday 2 Class in Session 9 Class in Session 15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY 16 Class in Session 23 Class in Session 30 Class in Session</p>  <p><i>Rev. June 5, 2017</i></p>

First, adult formation is a two step process.

Pope John Paul II has made a tremendous contribution to our ministry by articulating so clearly that the “first step” for most adults will not be actual instruction in the faith **but conversion to Jesus Christ.**

You can find the pope’s own words on this topic in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Catechesi Tradendae*.

many if not most adults have *not* turned their hearts to Christ, have *not* “put on Christ like a garment,” as St. Paul suggests.

This lack of conversion produces a lack of real *heart* for the faith. A lack of enthusiasm.

Even a lackluster presence in the Sunday Assembly, or no presence there at all....

Again, the “first step” isn’t instruction in the faith, **but the turning of the heart to Christ.**

The process of introducing folks to Christ is important and essential for every parish. It’s the first step of the catechumenate, the first step before baptism, and essential for every Christian throughout their lives.

For us Catholics and many other main line Christians, we believe that we cannot know Christ without at the same time knowing and being part of the Body of Christ which is the Church.

Christ is the head of this body, after all! So for us, knowing Christ fits into living our Catholic lives: being at Mass, celebrating the sacraments, working for justice and peace, following the precepts of the church, learning from the pastoral leaders of the church, and developing mature, adult faith within a community.

And yes, it also leads for most people to some form of actual *instruction in the faith* which is where **adult education** comes in.

