



# St Augustine/St Mary RCIA – JOURNEY OF FAITH

## 2016 – 2017 Calendar

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

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September 2016	October	November
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>1 New Year Begins-class in session</p> <p>8 Class in Session</p> <p>15 Class in Session</p> <p>22 Class in Session</p> <p>29 Class in Session</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>6 Class in Session</p> <p>13 Class in Session</p> <p>20 Class in Session</p> <p>27 Class in Session</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>3 Class in Session</p> <p>10 Class in Session</p> <p>17 Class in Session</p> <p>24 Thanksgiving Day – No Class</p> <p>Sun. 27 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of ADVENT</p>
<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>1 Class in Session</p> <p>8 Class in Session</p> <p>15 Class in Session</p> <p>21 Christmas Break –No Class</p> <p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>28 Christmas Break – No Class</p>	<p><b>January 2017</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>5 Class in Session</p> <p>12 Class in session</p> <p>19 Class in Session</p> <p>26 Class in Session</p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>2 Class in Session</p> <p>9 Class in Session</p> <p>16 Class in Session</p> <p>23 Class in Session</p> <p> <i>Lent is coming, consider what you would like to do to prepare for Easter.</i></p>
<p><b>March</b></p> <p>1 ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS – MASS @ 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>2 Class in Session</p> <p>Wed. 8 – Rite of Election Location TBA</p> <p>9 Class in Session</p> <p>16 Class in Session</p> <p>23 Class in Session</p> <p>30 Class in Session</p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>6 Class in Session</p> <p>13 HOLY THURSDAY –MASS 7:00PM</p> <p>14 GOOD FRIDAY -ADORATION OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM</p> <p>15 EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00 PM</p> <p>16 EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>20 Class in Session</p> <p>27 Class in Session</p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>4 Class in Session</p> <p>11 Class in Session</p> <p>Sun. 14 Mother's Day</p> <p>18 Class in Session</p> <p>25 Class in Session</p>
<p><b>June</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>1 Class in Session</p> <p>4 PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p>8 Class in Session</p> <p>15 Class in Session</p> <p>Sun. 18 Father's Day</p> <p>22 Class in Session</p> <p>29 Class in Session</p>	<p><b>July</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>6, 13, 20 &amp; 27 NO CLASSES</p> <p>See you again in August!</p> <p></p>	<p><b>August 2017</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>3 Class in Session</p> <p>10 Class in Session</p> <p>17 Class in Session</p> <p>24 Class in Session</p> <p>31 Class in Session</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.

