

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Fr. Frank Black

In Residence

Bishop Guy Sansaricq

Priests

Fr. Michael Joy Akposu

Fr. Jean-Augustin
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Fr. Juan Luxama

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St. Gregory the Great

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Mass Schedule:

Mon. -Sat. 8:30am; Sat. Vigil-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Rosanne Barber Ext.100

D.R.E.: Monica Flemmings

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Academy

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday 7:30am &
9:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am
Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Steven Horka

Office Hours:

Monday:9:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:30am-7:00pm

Thursday: 9:30am-9:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-7:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Our Lady Of Charity

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am
9:30am-Praise & Worship
10am-Mass

Office Staff:

Secretary: Patricia Romain

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries—

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.
Middle Village, NY 11379

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Msgr. Pellegrino : WISDOM

This Sunday's readings begin Solomon's request for Wisdom and conclude with a summation of the Lord's teaching on the parables.

At the conclusion of the Dissertation on the Parables in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus states: "Every scribe of the Kingdom is like the head of the household who brings out from his storeroom both the new and the old." Jesus spoke to the Jewish people, well versed in Hebrew scripture. The Gospel of Matthew was pointed towards Jewish Christians. Jesus is not replacing what we call the Old Testament with the New Testament. He is combining the best of the Hebrew Scriptures with the New Way, the Kingdom of God. The wise one, the scribe of the Kingdom, therefore, knows how to use what is old and what is new.

It takes wisdom to understand how to deal with the past and the present. There are many people who idealize the past and want to return to life as it was, for example, in the fifties. There are many others who want to reject the past and concentrate only on the advancements of modern life. So, in the area of family life, the first group wants to re-create the Cleaver Family, and the second group sees a value in the Modern Family. In the area of faith, the first group wants to return to the pre-Vatican Church and the second group wants a Church without a visible structure.

How do we best deal with the past and the present? I believe that it was the Russian poet/philosopher, Yevgeny Aleksandrovich Yevtushenko, who had this insight: He said that the trick to handling the past is to know what should be brought with us and what should be left behind. That is wisdom. For example, within the Church, we should bring with us from the past devotion to the sacraments, to the Mother of God, the importance of the Catholic Family, firm standards of morality, a determination to practice the faith. What should be left behind would include the subordination of the laity, the repression of the roles of women in the faith, the glorification of the clergy, and the diminishing of the study of Sacred Scripture.

We should also apply this to our lives. All of us can look back on our lives and note numerous positive and multiple negative aspects of our lives. We have got to stop persecuting ourselves by dwelling on the negatives of our past. When we do this, we are bringing the past into the present.

Leave it in the past. At the same time, it is not pride to recognize the gifts we have shown and to be sure that we utilize our potential, or make our talents real in the present.

We cannot judge the wheat fields by the presence of some weeds. But, we have to be wary. We have to be watchful. We have to be sure our various systems of protection are enforced. Most of all, we need to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to sort out the weeds from the wheat.

It would be so wrong for that person or any of us to dwell on the mistakes of the past. If sin was involved, well, remember the sacrament of reconciliation is given to us to leave the past in the past and to concentrate on the present. On the positive side, a person can look at his or her past and remember how volunteer work for the poor or sick was so important during high school or college. Perhaps, he or she might remember how others could not deal with a dying person, but how he or she was able to sit down and chat with the sick person and see that person, not the person's sickness. Reflecting on this, the person says, "Hey, I can do this. And it is important for me to use this gift God gave me. I'm going to volunteer as an AIDS buddy or as a hospice companion." This is looking at the past and bringing the best with us to the present.

You married folks really should do this when considering your relationship. If you are human beings, then you have made mistakes. Leave them in the past. You have also been supportive and caring. Bring this into your present. Sometimes, a couple will see me that is having a crisis in their marriage. Often, I'll mention that the present situation needs to be dealt with, but don't let this situation cause you to overlook all the good you have done for each other and the growth you have achieved as a loving couple. Some people are too quick to give up on marriage and end up realizing what they have lost only after it is too late.

Solomon prayed for wisdom. Not a bad idea. It takes wisdom to combat the challenges of life. It takes wisdom to be a good parent, a good husband, a good wife, a good priest, a good person. It takes wisdom to discern what needs to be brought into the present and what needs to be left in the past.

Where do we get this wisdom? The same place that Solomon received his.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun July 30	1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Mon July 31	Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Mt 13:31- 35
Tue Aug 1	Ex 33:7-11,34:5-9,28; Mt 13:36-43
Wed Aug 2	Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thu Aug 3	Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Fri Aug 4	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37;Mt 13:54-58
Sat Aug 5	Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12

OUR LADY OF CHARITY INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Ashley Lawson, Noah Griffith, Denyse Holloway, Kevin Leysath, Laura Haughton, Betty Soto, Cory Young, Shantell Huggins, Latisha King, Marlon Huie, Christian Rojas, Adriana Catus, Shelly Osborne, Tashawna Reid, Dalia Blackmond, Clare Theodule, Kesha Harmon, Avolon Chan,

TODAY'S MASS : Mass of thanksgiving for Diandra Nesertti Archibald **We pray to the Lord.**

ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE For the month of August is donated in thanksgiving for the Haynes family,, **We pray to the Lord.**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Boyea **We pray to the Lord.**

PARISH PRAYER: For our parish, that the three communities of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of Charity, learn how to merge and grow together spiritually and become financially sound as three and yet one


ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS


Saturday, July 29 th	8:30 AM Vigil Mass for Josephine Alexander, R.I.P., Requested by Catherine Spivey
	5 PM Vigil Mass for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish and Faith Community
Sunday, July 30 th	11:30 AM Mass for Nathaniel Lawrence Clouden, R.I.P., Requested by Maria Clouden & Family
Thursday, August 3 rd	8:30 AM Mass for Joseph Fontenelle, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
First Saturday, August 5 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Gregorio Lopez, R.I.P., Requested by Marjorie Lopez

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS


Saturday July 29	8:00pm– Blessings for Juwan & Cory Fortune
Sunday July 30	7:30am– Birthday blessings for Helena Francois 9:30am–R.I.P. Lorenzo & Pierre Fernand Mars by Gisela Lopez 11:30am– For the people of the parish 1:30pm– Thanksgiving adieu et a tous les saints Stephanie Delaunay by Betty Desrosiers
Monday July 31st	7:30am– For Sr. Agnes Therese on the occasion of your final profession by Fr. Frank Black 9:00am– In loving memory of Adolphus Matthew Alexis by mom, Irene Alexis
Tuesday August 1st	7:30am– Birthday blessings Pierre Vincent by Michelle Vincent & family 9:00am– Birthday blessings Marie T. Exume by Marie Guobadia & family
Wednesday August 2nd	7:30am– Healing for Janice Grant 9:00am– For holy vocations to all religious life by Janet Cayenne
Thursday August 3rd	7:30am– Healing for Fulvia and her Mom 9:00am– Healing for sick parishioners
Friday August 4th	7:30am– God’s grace and mercy for Wayne Armani by Sheila Philbert 9:00am– Birthday blessings for Jack Hinds by family
Saturday August 5th	8:00am– R.I.P. Laurina & Lowren Martial by Vernisha James

ST. MATTHEW-BREAD & WINE ~ JULY & AUGUST

 In thanksgiving for God’s Mercy and Love requested by Ms. Veronica Harris
Wine:
Thanking God for his many blessings especially healing, joy and peace requested by the Andrews family

 **BREAD - AUGUST**
In memory of my sister, Gloria P. Hope requested by Melba Brown
WINE - AUGUST
Thanksgiving and protection requested by Juliet Williams and children

ST. MATTHEW CANDLE JULY 30 –AUGUST 5

 Thanksgiving & blessings for my new job & success in passing my exam requested by Patricia D. Franklyn

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Carmen Allen, Armelle Amilcar, Monica Bain Lewis,
Viva Baker, Melona Barber, Wisel Barber,
Constant Barreau, Evelyn Barreau,
Ejannah Barrett, Catherine Bernard, Elma Figaro
Bernard, Mother Juanita Brathwaite,
Marjorie Brathwaite-Pierre, Silvester Brathwaite,
Ismay Brewster, Diandra Brown, Evelyn Brown,
Cadore & Allen families, Yolande Cadet
Virginia Caesar, Delcia Charles, Germaine Charles,
Amy Clough, Martha Cortez, Louisa Cummins,
Mother Veronica Dale,
Mother Jessey Danzy, Catherine DeLeon,
Carmen Desilva, Berard Desrosiers, Eulalia Diaz,
Deacon Roy Dudley, Lula Durio, John Edgehill,
Stella Emmanuel, Gloria Farley, William Forrester,
Mother Carrie Frasier, Lorna Fyffe, Angela Gabriel,
Cynthia Gairy, Muriel Gomez, William Grayson,
Violetta Hamilton, Estes Holder, Joie Horsford
Danielle Huie, Enid Huntley, Dorothy Irons-Reid,
Serge Jabouin, Antoinette Jones, Kallel Joseph,
Elaine King, Viola King, Rhoda Lewis, Percival Lewis,
Sampson Lewis, Stephanie Logan, Francisco Lopez,
Carmen D. Lorenzo, Jocelyn Lynch, Barbara Manuel,
Darsen Marcellin, Virginia Marcellin, Theresa Marriott,
Mother Pearl Matthews, Dorothy Mazzio,
Vera McArthur, Leticia McDowell, Dylan Stephens-
McKee, Kerry Mills, Edson Mitchell, Isai Monroe,
Patricia Moorehead, Alicia Mungo, Nelson Munoz,
Suzanna Neil, Mother Dolores Olf,
Gabrielle Ortiz, Floe Patrick,
Lettuce Rayson, Catherine Ricards, Carlos Rudas,
Fr. Robert Seay, Leonora Speid, Mother Margaret
Thompson, Martel Vendryes, Russell Wilson.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :

Vida Boyea, Kerry Mills, Oliver Joseph,
Phyllis Brown, Lelitza & Nathan Ford, Simprina
Auguste, Lourdes Ayala, Obama family, Griffith,
Sandiford, Lewis and Crockwell families. All students,
teachers and principals, President Donald Trump &
family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our
prayer basket, for all Priests especially those serving
at Charity, for Religious Vocations, and an increase in
Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our
country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and
unexpressed prayers, **We pray to the Lord.**

WEEKLY MEETINGS @ ST. GREGORY

SUNDAY 07/30/17

+ 10 AM Service at Marcus Garvey Manor
+ 11:30 MASS in Church
+ GIFTSHOP+ CREDIT UNION

TUESDAY 08/01/17

+ 11 AM- 8PM - The 33rd National Night Out Against
Crime w/77th Precinct Council & 77th Precinct @ Brower
Park

THURSDAY 08/03/17

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

FIRST FRIDAY 08/04/17

+ 10 AM Mass w/Eucharistic Adoration with Disciples In
Mission -Chapel

FIRST SATURDAY 08/05/17

+ 9 AM Rosary Society Recites the 1000 Hail Mary's -
Chapel
+ 4 PM Confessions - Church
+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church
+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church
+ 6 PM Light Fest Prayer Group - Church

WEEK OF SUNDAY 07/30/17 @ ST. MATTHEW

+ 11:45am Legion nidi de la Presentation
+ 1:30pm Youth Ministry

MONDAY 07/31/17

+ 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
+ 7:00 PM Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY 08/02/17

+ 11am- Senior Group

FRIDAY 08/04/17

+ 5 PM English Legion of Mary
+ 7 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

SATURDAY 08/05/17

+ 4 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal
+ 4:15 PM Haitian Legion of Mary

O. L C WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

+ 1st, 2nd & 3rd, **Mondays** A .A Group 6pm—9pm
+ 3rd **Tuesdays** 7pm
Liturgy Meeting 7pm
AA Group 6pm-9pm
Thursdays A. A. Group 6pm—9pm
Praise & Worship Team 7pm
+ **Fridays** -Feather Men 5pm
2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays**
Bible & Culture 10am—noon
+ **Every Saturday** Prayer Group 8 am-10
2nd & 4th **Saturdays** Liturgical Dancers
Every Saturday Feathers Meeting 5pm
Every **Sunday** after Mass- Choir Rehearsal
+ 3rd **Sunday**-Baptism
+ 1st & 3rd **Sunday** -Apologetics

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BBQ

The Young Adult ministry will be hosting a Fundraising BBQ on Saturday, August 19th, starting at 2 PM in the Church parking lot. Tickets are \$8 which includes (a meal and a beverage). There will be additional items on sale as well as games, face painting and music.

The Deanery Young Adult ministry will also be hosting a back to school BBQ fundraiser in the school yard of St. Francis/ St. Blaise to help underprivileged students. For the last two weeks in August we will be collecting school supplies here at St. Matthew and distribute them at the BBQ. Youth 13 and older are welcome to participate. If you need more information **@ St. Matthew**

ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

invites you to their pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Bus leaves from in front of St. Matthew at 6:30AM sharp and leaves New Jersey for the return trip @ 4PM. Cost of the bus is \$45.00. Please leave your name in the rectory or you can call Shirley Crooks at 917-518-4626. Bring your own lunch or lunch can be purchased at the shrine.

@ St. Matthew

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

will be having their annual pilgrimage to Blessed Katharine Drexel Shrine in Bensalem, Pennsylvania on **Saturday, August 5th**. Tickets available from members of the Holy Name Society or in the rectory.

@ St. Matthew

St. Matthew's Fundraising Committee will celebrate St. Matthew's Feast Day with a Black & White Gala at Glenn Terrace Catering Hall on Sunday, September 24, 2017, from 5pm-10pm. Tickets are \$100.00 **in advance** and \$110.00 **at the door**. Tickets may be purchased from Fundraising Committee members or at the Rectory. **@St. Matthew**

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with a Tri-Lingual mass on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:30 PM. **@ St. Matthew**

PILGRIMAGE: ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

Come join Fr. Frank Black on a Fatima & Cultural Portugal Pilgrimage in October 2017.

Price: \$2,798.00 per person double occupancy.

Included: **Roundtrip from NYC. 6 night accommodation: Breakfast and dinner daily Touring & entrance fees Services of a professional tour guide Transfers to and from international airports Entrance fees —Date: Departing October 8, 2017

Final payment is due by August 7, 2017

Feast of St. Gregory – 3 Nights of Prayer

In Church @7 PM in preparation for the Feast Day Mass on Sunday., September 3rd @ 11:30am.

@ St. Gregory

Special Labor Day Mass

on Sunday September 3rd, 2017 @ 2:30pm with Auxiliary Bishop Neil Edward Tiedemann **at St. Matthew** Church (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway)

Annual Labor Day Mass & Procession

On Monday, September 4th at 10 AM. With Monsignor Joseph P. Malagrecia **at St. Matthew Church** (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway)

National Night Out Against Crime - 33rd - National Night Out Against Crime Tuesday August 1st from 11 AM to 8 PM. @ Brower Park-Park Place bet. Brooklyn & Kingston Avenues
Hosted by The 77th Precinct Council & 77th Precinct.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Food Pantry is every other Wednesday from 12-1PM. Sandwiches served Monday through Friday from 12-1pm **@ St. Gregory**

The Mass Book for 2018 is here. You can make your Mass Intentions for next year. If you have several dates, please kindly write your request clearly with requested date and time and please indicate what it's for, for example R.I.P., Birthday Blessing, etc.

@St. Gregory

FOOD PANTRY

Every Tuesday between 9am & Noon except on 5th Tuesday **@ St. Matthew**

GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of religious articles including rosaries, open on weekends before & after Mass. **@ St. Matthew**

COLLECTION 07/22—07/23

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	45	1,250.00	202.25	1,452.25
7:30 AM	125	2,960.00	518.11	3,478.11
9:30 AM	57	888.00	313.05	1,201.05
11:30 AM	78	1,447.00	726.30	2,173.30
1:30 PM	37	345.00	142.43	487.43
L.I.R.	23	1,040.54	—	1,040.54
TOTAL	365	7,930.54	1,902.14	9,832.68

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collec- tion	Loose money	Totals
5:00 pm	19	625.00	70.00	695.00
11:30AM	48	1,244.00	333.05	1,577.05
Grand Total	67	1,869.00	403.05	2,272.05

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Total
10am	59	2493.00	47.00	2540.00
Free Will	8	159.00	—	159.00
Grand Total	67	2,652.00	47.00	2,699.00

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, We bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit.

We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives.

Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses and everything we lay our hands on. Let your angels of peace go ahead of us when we go out and stay by our side when we return. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL & OFFERING

Our generous parishioners, we are not nearly where we should be for our Annual Catholic appeal goals, please be sure that you are making your pledges and sending in your appeal envelopes. The determination of our diocese, our Church and the future of practicing our faith in the most meaningful way with the holy Eucharist depends on *all* of our generosity. Searching deep within to help those who are more needy than ourselves, helping to keep as many of our churches & schools open, helps ensures that our children can practice their faith in the same way that we do. Allowing Catholic Charities to continue to be a beacon for so many who are in need of food, clothing, & shelter are just some of the help that the appeal lends

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal: As we prepare for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, ***Live in Faith— Give in Love***, we need to remember the purpose of the yearly appeal: to continue to address some of the financial needs that remain unmet— both at the diocesan and local levels. The bulk of these needs remain our support of the core component of Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration Services, Vocation Support, Catholic Education, Faith Formation, Chaplaincies, Care for Retired Priests-and Parish Assistance.

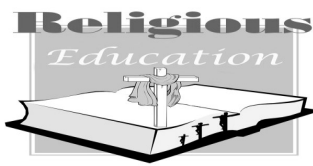
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

Our individual Parish goal for the 2017 Annual Catholic appeal is \$112,638.00. This is the goal for the entire Parish, this includes the 3 faith communities, St. Matthew R.C. Church, St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church and Our Lady of Charity R. C. Church. Knowing the goodness of our parishioners when we see the need, we respond! Again, this year, the Bishop has agreed to gift back all monies collected over the goal to the Parish. This will help us to meet some of the needs for our parish. We are counting on all of us to come together as a community and make the pledges to help sustain our parish and to help those who help shepherd us and those who help the poor.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for making the sacrifice to help out those that are in most in need. May God continue to bless St. Matthew Parish with its three faith communities.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

SCHOOL OF RELIGION @ ST. MATTHEW



Registration forms are now available at the doors of the Church & in the Rectory.

Payments for registration received **after** 6/30 will be \$70.00.

Please attach a Copy of Your Child's Baptism Certificate, If Not Baptized, Attach a Copy of their Birth Certificate. **DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 31ST, 2017.**

School of Religion @ Our Lady of Charity
Registration for school of religion is **ongoing**

School of Religion @ St. Gregory
Registration for Sacrament is **ONGOING**

RECONCILIATION:

Confessions @ 7:30pm Saturday's or by appointment

MARRIAGE:

Marriage sacrament requires a time of spiritual preparation. Therefore, couples should make arrangements six months to a year before the planned date, by making an appointment with the parish priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or a loved one is near death or very ill and need a priest to administer anointing of the sick, we encourage you to call the chaplain of the hospital or call our rectory

PARISH REGISTRATION

We urge everyone to register in the parish. Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register @ the rectory.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

BAPTISM: .

To have your child baptized in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, you must show:

1. Proof that you live in the geographical boundaries of the Church you wish to have the baby baptized. (e.g. electric bill). If you live outside the boundaries of the Church you wish to have your baby baptized, you must get a permission letter from the Catholic church closest to where you live granting you permission to have your baby baptized outside of the geographical area.
2. Your baby is allowed **one** god mother and **one** god father, each must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with only one god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate as proof.
4. Once these requirements are fulfilled, we encourage you to call and set a date. Children 7 & under can be baptized w/o CCD classes.

RCIA

RCIA stands for RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS and is composed of a series of sessions bringing people together to experience the prayer life of the church as well as learn about its doctrines and teachings. Using the Bible, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, participants prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation & Eucharist.

RCIA is the name we give to the process that guides people in their decision to enjoy full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA is offered in Spanish & English and are for people who:

- ◆ Was baptized in the Catholic Church but is un-catechized and has not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation
- ◆ Was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church
- ◆ Was never baptized & wishes to become Catholic.
- ◆ Want to know more about what it means to be Catholic?

The sessions begin in October. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the rectory.