

St. Matthew Parish



St. Gregory, St. Matthew & Our Lady of Charity

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Pastoral Staff

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Fr. Frank Black

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Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

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Office Hours:

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

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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

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Office Hours:

Monday:9:30am-4:00pm
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Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Mass Schedule:

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9:30am-Praise & Worship
10am-Mass

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Office Hours:

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our Brothers' Keepers

Do you remember studying in American History about rugged individualism? The early pioneers- like Daniel Boone wanted to live apart from everyone, dealing with nature and life alone. They didn't like it if someone moved in a mere ten miles away. They wanted more elbow room.

All this made for good reading, but it was more poetic than reality. The early pioneers needed each other for protection, for help, and for support. When the Native Americans attacked, the settlers had to unite for their own protection. When Mrs. Boone was about to have a baby, she needed Mrs. Crockett's help.

We are communal. We depend on each other for support, for help, for strength. This is obvious as we respond to each other's natural needs and crises. We also need each other for our spiritual lives. Jesus did not establish a federation of individuals. He established a Church. He called upon us to unite as one person, one body, the Body of Christ. He knew that we would be infinitely stronger united. He promised He would be with us.

The Gospel reading for this week is sometimes called the Dissertation on the Church. It is quite realistic. It talks about the way we deal with people whose sinful ways are destroying themselves and hurting the community. "If your brother sins against you, go to him and tell him. If that doesn't work, go again with friends to support you. If that doesn't work, ask the whole Church for help with him, and so forth."

Here's my favorite example of how this might work. Let's make believe you sing in the choir here at St. Ignatius, and so does your next door neighbor, Simon Snodgrass. Now Simon is a single man, and that's a good thing because he really doesn't like children. He's often grumpy around them, even when they come to his door selling girl scout cookies or what have you. Well, maybe you can live with that. You certainly don't need to have your children going to his house on Halloween. What you can't live with is when your ten year old daughter tells you that Mr. Snodgrass called her a bad name after she tried to get your dog from his front lawn. So you go over to Snodgrass and you tell him that it is unacceptable for him to use bad language around your daughter and even more to direct it to her. You tell him that you are sorry about the dog and will do you best to make sure that doesn't happen again, but you add that if something your children do upsets him, he should just give you a call and you'll take care of it. Snodgrass, now calls you a few choice ones.

You and the other guys decide to ask Msgr. Joe to intervene. When you approach him, Msgr. Joe says, "I really think Fr. Brian needs this experience." Anyway, after the choir Mass, Fr. Brian says to Snodgrass, "I heard that there are some problems between you and your neighbors. Everybody is here now. Let's get together in my office and hash this out." After everyone has their say, Fr. Brian tells Snodgrass that he hopes he will do a better job controlling his temper. Sadly, Snodgrass tells everyone where to go and how to get there. The result is that Father has to say, "Look, you can't be coming here, singing in the choir, acting all holy and then be verbally attacking little children.

It's wrong, and not the behavior we can condone among the members of our Church. Can't you just try to get your temper under control." Maybe this will all lead to Snodgrass's changing his life because he wants to be a true member of the Church. If it doesn't, well, then we need to pray for him. The doors of the Church are always open. If he's ready to re-consider his ways, he certainly will be welcome back. The bottom line is that we need to remember that the words, "I am not my brother's keeper," were spoken by a sinful man, Cain. People of God recognize their responsibility towards each other.

The readings also tell us that as members of a faith community we are accountable to each other. Quite often, we miss this. We might consider ourselves accountable to God, but we don't consider the effect our actions have on each other. What we are overlooking is that God is present in the community. The Church is the Body of Christ. When we sin, we are sinning against the Body of Christ. If we hurt another person, we are offending Christ within that other person as well as offending the entire Christian community. If we claim we are Christian, we have a responsibility to all other Christians to behave in a Christian way. We are accountable to each other, and to all others in the Church.

We are better people when we sense the deep responsibility we have towards each other. You husbands and wives are better people because you treasure each other and choose your actions based on your love for your spouse. You parents don't let bad things into your homes because you are raising God's children. You Teens keep the garbage out of your lives because you are in love with Love, with God, and are looking forward to the future He is preparing for you. And all of us in ministry continually change our behavior for the sake of those to whom we minister, as well as the Ultimate One we serve.

Our parish church is has a large roof held up by massive beams. They were produced in North Carolina. I remember when they were brought to Tarpon Springs in 1981. They were so large that they had to be sent by train in huge open box cars. (By the way, that was last train trip up to Tarpon Springs on what is now the Pinellas trail.) The architect, Charlie Partin, who designed our Church conceived a very heavy roof. Can you imagine how much weight those beams hold? Now here's the thing: the beams are made of small pieces of wood. The small pieces of wood are laminated into a powerful structure, capable of holding an immense weight.

This is a good analogy of the importance each of us have in the Body of Christ, the Church. We are those little pieces of wood. We can each hold only a little weight, not all that much. But when we are united together, and united with Jesus, we can hold the weight of the world.

We come to Church every Sunday to form a community of prayer. None of us can form a community alone. We need each other to form this community. We come and pray as a community to the One who is our head and our heart. And we ask Him to protect us from the evils of the world, outside us and within us. We pray to God to bind us together into the community of love.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Sept 10	Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Mon Sept 11	Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tue Sept 12	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wed Sept 13	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thu Sept 14	Nm 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Fri Sept. 15	1 Tm 1:1-2;12-14;Jn 19:25-27; Lk 2:33-35
Sat Sept. 16	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS	
Sidney Blaize, Rochelle Desvarieux, Roahn Sheppard, Zakiyah Devaughn, Ewart Slocombe, Brittany Scott, Dominique Walter, Barbara Walker, Amanda Blaize, Anisia Thompson, Robert Stringer II, Felicia Williams, Lance Gill, Edythe Lavelle, Asha Garth, We pray to the Lord.	
TODAY'S MASS : For all who suffer the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, We pray to the Lord.	
ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE: For the month of September is donated in memory of the Europe and Otumba families. We pray to the Lord.	
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Cadore, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Dingle. 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. We pray to the Lord.	

ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, Sept. 9th	8:30 AM Mass in Chapel for Reynold Barrow, R.I.P., Requested by Dianna Cobb-London 5 PM Vigil Mass for Chris, Carl & Sylvia Apparicio, Requested by Barbara Manuel
Sunday, Sept. 10th	11:30 AM Mass for Ephnie Faltine, R.I.P., Requested by Joan Faltine
Friday, Sept. 15th	8:30 AM Mass in Chapel for Adam James Grazewski, R.I.P., Requested by Dr. James W. Fuerst & Ella Holloman
Saturday, Sept. 16th	8:30 AM Mass in Chapel for Iva Greenidge, R.I.P., Requested by Joan & Family 5 PM Vigil Mass for Julia Abruzzo, R.I.P., Requested by Eugene Thomas

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday September 9	8:00pm – R.I.P. Brian Crooks by Shirley Crooks
Sunday Sept. 10	7:30am – Holy Name Society 9:30am – R.I.P. Agustin & Bienvenida Pena by Julian Pena 11:30am – Birthday blessings Chad Chasteau by family 1:30pm – a. In loving memory of Rosia Daut by Bertha Content b. R.I.P. Marie Cle & Marcie Jusma by Marie Cezedor
Monday Sept. 11	7:30am – Praying for God's grace for Leo & William Thomas by Clarice Thomas 9:00am – R.I.P. Yvette Simone Walteau by Marie Therese 7:30am – God's peace and mercy on all affected by 9/11
Tuesday Sept. 12	7:30am – In thanksgiving for Sherman Arlette by Ursula Arlette 9:00am – In honor of St. Rose of Lima by Wilfrid Vixamar
Wednesday Sept. 13	7:30am –For physical, mental & emotional healing for all parishioners 9:00am – Blessings for Cynthia Gairy by Helena O'Brien
Thursday Sept. 14	7:30am – Thanksgiving for the holiness of Jesus & St. Stephen by Jean Francois & Kerolle family . 9:00am – Repose of the soul of Anne Marie Jacques & Irene Baptist by Berenice Malique
Friday Sept. 15	7:30am – The Johnson family 9:00am – In loving memory of Rafael Gomez by Milagros Gomez y hijos
Saturday Sept. 16	8:00am – Birthday blessings Willis John by Glenora Cox

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make me holy
 Body of Christ, be my salvation
 Blood of Christ, let me drink your wine
 Water flowing from the side of Christ, wash me clean
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me
 Kind Jesus, hear my prayer
 Hide me within your wounds
 And keep me close to you
 Defend me from the evil enemy
 And call me at the hour of my death
 To the fellowship of your saints
 That I might sing your praise with them
 for all eternity. Amen.

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, Annastal Jasmine, Antoinette Jones,
Kallel Joseph, Elaine King, Viola King, Roger Lewis,
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,
Patricia Nazire, Suzanna Neil, Wilmot Nedd, Mother
Dolores Olf,
Gabrielle Ortiz, Floe Patrick, Cynthia Pilgrim,
Lettuce Rayson, Catherine Richards, Carlos Rudas,
Fr. Robert Seay, Leonora Speid, Mary Thomas,
Mother Margaret Thompson, Martel Vendryes,
Russell Wilson.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :

Vida Boyea, Kerry Mills, Oliver Joseph,
Simprina Auguste, Tresa Bascombe, 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 09/10/17

+ 10 AM Service - *Marcus Garvey Manor*
+ 10 AM Choir Rehearsal (*Youth, Senior and Schola*)
Church
+ GIFTSHOP+ CREDIT UNION

MONDAY 09/11/17

+ 9AM Rosary Recitation (Remember 911) *The Most Holy*
Name of Mary

WEDNESDAY 09/13/17

+ 11 AM School Mass - *Holy Cross Church*

THURSDAY 09/14/17

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-*Rectory basement*

FRIDAY 09/15/17

+ After the Mass – Recitation of The Seven Sorrows of
Our Blessed Mother w/The Rosary Society - *Chapel*

SATURDAY 09/16/17

+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - *Church*
+ 6 PM Light Fest Prayer Group - *Church*
+ 6 PM Young Christian Ministry - *Rectory basement*

WEEK OF SUNDAY 09/10/17 @ ST. MATTHEW

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

MONDAY 09/11/17

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

WEDNESDAY 09/13/17

+ 11am– Senior Group

FRIDAY 09/15/17

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

SATURDAY 09/16/17

+ 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

St. Matthew English Charismatic Prayer Breakfast**TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT**

On Saturday, September 16, 2017 at
St. Teresa of Avila Hall (563 Sterling Place)
Speaker: Fr. Trevor Nathasingh
Time: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

The Health Care Ministry is looking for new members, Medical as well as Non Medical individuals are welcome. Their first meeting will be on Sunday, September 10th, at 1:30 PM. @ **ST. MATTHEW**

HURRICANE HARVEY

Every day we see the images of devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area and Louisiana. We recall from our experience with Super Storm Sandy how devastating the experience can be.

In an effort to provide aid and comfort to our brothers and sisters in the affected areas we will take a collection on the weekend of September 24th.

The funds will be collected through the Catholic Charities National :Disaster Relief Collection, or sent directly to the affected dioceses. All checks should be made payable to the: **Compostela Fund of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn NY** . Thanks in advance for your generosity. .@ **ST. MATTHEW**

St. PADRE PIO

St. Padre Pio relics comes to St. Patrick Cathedral in New York city on Sunday, September 17,2017 from 7AM to 8 PM. For more information about the public veneration please call 616-537-7830 ext.828 or send an email to SylviaRivas@saintpatrickscathedral.org.

For additional info. About the tours please call 203-416-1471 or send an email to info@saintpiofoundation.org

FR. JOY'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

We will celebrate Fr. Joy's farewell celebration on Sunday, October 1st at 4 PM in the Parish Center. All are invited to say goodbye to Fr. Joy and thank him for his years of service.

9/11 MASS

We will have a special Mass on Monday, September 11, at 7:30 PM to pray for everyone affected by 9/11.

On Saturday, September 30th, 2017 you are all invited to join The ***Usher Board Annual Outing to Atlantic City Resort Casino***. The bus will depart from St. Johns Place in front of the church at 7:30AM. Breakfast will be served. Tickets will be available for purchase. See the Ushers after Mass. Any questions or additional information, please see John Montanez

Cost: \$45 per person. Voucher: \$15

The Parish ***Fall Masquerade Ball*** will be on **Friday, November 3rd, 2017**. The event will take place at The Villa Russo 101-12 Lefferts Blvd., in Richmond Hill Queens and run from **7:30 pm until 12:30 am**.

There will be music, dancing and chances to win prizes. Included are Cocktail Hour, salad, pasta, one of five entrée choices, desert and open bar. Formal attire suggested. Tickets are **\$130 in advance**.

Weekly and bi-monthly payment plans are available.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Missionary Appeal

On Saturday, September 31st, 2017 Fr. Romane from the Fathers and Brothers MARYKNOLL Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc. we will be the main Celebrant and Speaker at the 5 PM Vigil Mass to speak about their overseas mission efforts.

Rosary Society

On Sunday, October 1st, 2017 after the 11:30 AM Mass there will be an induction of New Officers for the Rosary Society. **Additional information is forthcoming.**

On Saturday, October 7th marks the **7TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY of the One Thousand Hail Mary Recited by the Rosary Society**. It will take place in the Chapel of the Rectory basement from 9AM-4PM.

On Saturday, October 14th, 2017 you are invited to join The Rosary Society at **The Rosary Rally** from 9:30AM to 4PM. Details will follow.

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

COLLECTION 09/02—09/03

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	73	2,281.00	206.25	2,487.25
7:30 AM	122	2,929.00	430.54	3,359.54
2:30 PM	91	1,991.90	507.80	2,499.70
L.I.R	24	617.80		617.80
TOTAL	310	7,819.70	1,144.59	8,964.29

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collec- tion	Loose money	Totals
5:00 pm	19	458.00	114.42	572.42
11:30AM	58	1,330.00	318.00	1,648.00
Grand Total	77	1,788.00	432.42	2,220.42

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Total
10am	88	3,420.40	82.00	3,502.40
Free Will	8	313.00	—	313.00
Grand Total	96	3,733.40	82.00	3,815.40

The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

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.

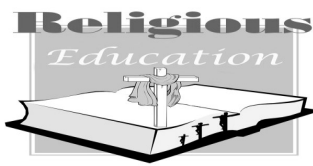
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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 at St. Matthew School of Religion is **NOW CLOSED.**

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 readings from the Bible which we hear daily at Mass, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teens and adults who have not yet done so prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy 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:

- ◆ Were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, First Holy Communion or First Confession
- ◆ Were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to join the Catholic Church
- ◆ Were never baptized & wish to fully worship in the Catholic Church
- ◆ 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.