

# St. Matthew Parish



Website: [www.stmatthewrc.org](http://www.stmatthewrc.org)

## **Pastoral Staff**

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **In Residence**

Bishop Guy Sansaricq

### **Priests**

Fr. Michael Joy Akposu

Fr. Jean-Augustin  
Francois

Fr. Juan Luxama

### **Deacons**

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Dennis DaCosta

Nickie Colon



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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

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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—**

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Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time: I Belong Here

Have you ever had a feeling that you really don't belong someplace? I certainly have.

There are a lot of times that we feel we really don't belong somewhere. I remember a high school girl who accompanied us on the Life Teen Leadership Conference quite a number of years ago. The first night when we got together as a parish, the girl looked at the other Teens there and said, "I don't belong here. I'm not as good as these other kids." I took her aside and told her that Bart, our youth minister, and I chose her to be there and that I was sure she should be there. She responded, "You don't understand, Father. I'm not good like those other kids. I have a terrible reputation at school. And I earned it." I told her that the past was the past. There would be an opportunity for confession. And, especially, she did belong there. She showed all the signs of being a strong leader in the faith. Sure enough, through the grace of God, she grew that week and from then on. By the time she got to college, she was the family's leader in the faith, as well as a leader in our youth group. Now, out of college, she is a young Catholic woman determined to live and spread the faith.

The feeling of not belonging someplace was certainly forced on the woman in today's Gospel. She was a Canaanite, a gentile, a pagan. What was she doing seeking healing from this Jesus, whom the Jewish people were treating as their long sought Messiah? Jesus Himself seemed to emphasize this when He joined the sentiment of the crowd and said that He was only sent for the lost sheep of Israel. But the woman was determined. Her daughter was gravely ill. She demanded an audience with Him. Her faith was further tested when He said that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs, dogs being the Jewish way of referring to the gentiles. Her response that even the dogs eat the food that falls from the table showed that her faith in Him would not waiver. It was clear that she belonged there, before the Lord. No one could say that she didn't belong. She couldn't even say that about herself.

None of us should ever feel that we don't belong coming before the Lord. We do belong here. We belong here because he has called us to be here. Of course we are not good enough to be in His Presence. Not on our own. But He makes us good enough. That is what Baptism does. And, if we squander the Grace of our Baptism, then Penance makes us good enough.

Nor should any of us believe others who through their subtle actions send a message that we really should be excluded from His Presence. For example you might walk into church and see someone you know outside of the parish who gives you a look that says, "I didn't expect to see you here." Everyone in the Church belongs here. And there are billions of people outside of the Church who also belong here.

This is the Catholic Church. The word Catholic means universal. All people from all lands and races belong in the Church. The Catholic Church is not a white Church. The Catholic Church is not a black Church. The Catholic Church is not an Asian Church. The Catholic Church is not a Hispanic Church. The Catholic Church is not an American Church. The Catholic Church is not a European Church. The Catholic Church is the universal Church. All people belong here.

Saints and sinners belong here. People who are living exemplary lives belong here. People who are seeking to live better lives belong here. Most of us, actually all of us, I would think, are in that second group. We don't go to Church because we are so holy. We go to Church because we are seeking holiness. No one could say that the girl on that retreat did not belong there because she had a terrible reputation well earned. She did belong there. She belonged there because she was seeking the Lord. There are many people here in this Church, foremost myself, who come every week asking God to heal us. We are seeking to be sincere in our practice of the faith. We belong here. "Come, all you who are weary and find life burdensome," the Lord said. He didn't exclude anyone. He said, all you who are weary.

One of the most effective weapons the devil uses against us is convincing us that we have no right to the Grace of God. The devil wants us to give up on ourselves. The Lord tells us that he will never give up on us. We do not have the right to give up on ourselves.

And so, we come before Him this Sunday and every Sunday. We come before Him with simple faith. Like the Canaanite woman, we ask Him for healing. And we trust Him. For His mercy and compassion are infinitely greater than our sins. We look at the image of our Lord on the cross. We meditate on what He has done for us. And in complete humility we say, "I belong here"

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Aug.20	Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15; Mt 15:21-28
Mon Aug.21	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tue Aug. 22	Jgs 6:11- 24; Mt 19:23-30
Wed Aug. 23	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thu Aug. 24	Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51
Fri Aug. 25	Rev 1:1,3-6,14-16,22; Mt 22:34-40
Sat Aug. 26	Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12


**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :** Tatyana Daniel , Kayla & Kamille Sabio, Burtel Batson Jr., Ethan Alexander, T Shana Mitchell, Jenesis Jacobs, Naya Allen, Anthony Thompson, Patricia Mortley, Travis Clement, Cecil Bowen, Atiba Wright, D' Andre Reid, Jarrel & Darryl Pope, Brandon Clark, Veronica Gardin, Nicole Johnson, **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.**



**TODAY'S MASS :** Memorial mass for Edna Blackwell requested by Arlene Jackson, **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. Prince Gittens, Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Lee, **We pray to the Lord.**

ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Faye Thomas, R.I.P., Requested by Eugene Thomas
Sunday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM Mass for Jahnya Gilkes, Birthday Blessings, Requested by Lorna Gilkes
Friday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM Mass for Colin Vidale, In Thanksgiving for many blessings, Requested by Sister Alison Vidale
	Bread & Wine for The Sick of our Parish, Requested by Cornelia Robergeau
Saturday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Mass for Michelle Tege, In Thanksgiving, Requested by Janet Paul

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday August 19	<b>8:00pm</b> – Birthday blessings Patricia Crooks by Shirley Crooks
Sunday August 20	<b>7:30am</b> – Birthday blessings Anthony Beddeau & Albery Patrick by Floe Patrick <b>9:30am</b> –A. For Enrique Willmott by Elida Bailey & family B. For the people of the parish <b>11:30am</b> – R.I.P. Sherwin Johnson Sr. by Sherwin Johnson Jr. & family <b>1:30pm</b> – Birthday blessing Emile Desdunes by grandma, Yolette Desdunes
Monday August 21	<b>7:30am</b> – Birthday blessings Marie Therese Fall <b>9:00am</b> – In thanksgiving by Patricia Selby
Tuesday August 22	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Maxine Toledo by Rosa Toledo <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving for Michael Bazile & family by Rosalie Kabore
Wednesday August 23	<b>7:30am</b> –Blessings & healing for Fr. Andy & Sr. Anna <b>9:00am</b> – For all saints by Olivia Saby
Thursday August 24	<b>7:30am</b> – Healing for Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – Physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing for my children and I
Friday August 25	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Maria Gomez & Francisco Rodriguez by the Gomez & Rodriguez family <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings Jared Delauney by family
Saturday August 26	<b>8:00am</b> – Birthday blessings Tony Hinds by family

ST. MATTHEW-BREAD & WINE - AUGUST	
	<b>BREAD</b> In memory of my sister, Gloria P. Hope requested by Melba Brown
	<b>WINE</b> Thanksgiving and protection requested by Juliet Williams and children
ST. MATTHEW CANDLE –AUGUST 20-26	
	Healing for all sick parishioners, physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

## 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, 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,  
Phyllis Brown, Lelitz & Nathan Ford, Simprina Au-  
guste, Lourdes Ayala, Obama family, Griffith, Sandi-  
ford, 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 08/20/17**

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

### **MONDAY 08/21/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **TUESDAY 08/22/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass – Chapel

### **WEDNESDAY 08/23/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **THURSDAY 08/24/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel  
+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

### **FRIDAY 08/25/17**

8:30 AM Mass -Chapel

### **SATURDAY 08/26/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass – Chapel  
+ 4 PM Confessions - Church  
+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church  
+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church

### **WEEK OF SUNDAY 08/2017 @ ST. MATTHEW**

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

### **MONDAY 08/21/17**

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

### **WEDNESDAY 08/23/17**

+ 11am– Senior Group

### **FRIDAY 08/25/17**

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

### **SATURDAY 08/26/17**

+ 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

**RAFFLE! RAFFLE!**

The Altar Rosary society is selling tickets for their annual fundraising raffle. The tickets are \$1 each or 5 tickets for \$6.

1st prize - \$200; 2nd prize- \$100; 3rd prize - A tablet

The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 3rd. **@ St. Matthew**

**St. Matthew English Charismatic Prayer Breakfast**

When: Saturday, September 16, 2017

Place: St. Teresa of Avila Hall (563 Sterling Place)

Speaker: Fr. Trevor Nathasingh

Time: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$ 7 for children 12 and under

**LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday, September 3rd—Mass and celebration with Bishop Neil E. Tiedemann at 2:30 PM. There will be no 9:30, 11:30 and 1:30 Mass on that Sunday. We will have our usual 8 PM Saturday night Mass on September 2nd and 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 3rd.

**We will have Caribbean Day after the Mass** and we are inviting everyone to contribute a dish and wear a local costume which is representative of your country.

Please note that food will not be on sale. Please contact the rectory if you would like to participate or if you would like to purchase a table to sell goods or artifacts. **at St. Matthew**

On Labor Day, Monday September 4th we will have a brief mass at 9:30 AM before marching in the parade.

If you would like a T-shirt and cap please sign up in the rectory **at St. Matthew** Church (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway)

**YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BBQ!**

The Deanery Young Adult ministry will also be hosting a back to school BBQ fundraiser in the school yard on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> ., to help underprivileged students. For the last two weeks in August we will be collecting school supplies and distribute them during the BBQ in September . Please pick up the list at the back of the Church for the school drive

**Feast of St. Gregory – 3 Nights of Prayer**  
In Church @7 PM in preparation for the Feast Day Mass on Sunday., September.3<sup>rd</sup> @11:30am.  
**@ St. Gregory**

**On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

**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**

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

**Food Pantry** every Tuesday between 9am & Noon except on 5th Tuesday **@ St. Matthew**

**CLOSED FOR LUNCH**

**Starting Monday, August 28th the rectory will be closed for lunch from 1pm to 2 PM, Monday through Saturday. @ St. Matthew**

**FAREWELL TO FR.ELVEAU**

Next Sunday is Fr. Elveau Augustine's last mass in the parish before he leaves for Dominica. He leaves on August 31st. He expresses his gratitude to the parish staff and parishioners for the kind hospitality shown him during his stay here.

**HONOR ROLL**

The following student from our parish has attained honor roll status at the Mary Louis Academy.

*Principal's list: Jasmine Bain*

**PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP**

Starts on Wednesday, August 23 at 7PM in the Parish Center. It's a 15 week program towards greater intimacy with the Lord, through various prayer methods.

**COLLECTION 08/12—08/13**

**ST. MATTHEW**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Totals</b>
8 PM	70	2,030.00	275.11	2,305.11
7:30 AM	106	2,319.00	530.47	2,849.47
9:30 AM	52	708.00	308.44	1,016.44
11:30 AM	78	2,297.00	476.58	2,773.58
1:30 PM	54	700.00	83.80	783.80
L.I.R.	29	552.00	—	552.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>8,606.00</b>	<b>1674.40</b>	<b>10,280.40</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope  Collec- tion</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	14	280.00	251.00	531.00
<b>11:30AM</b>	31	787.00	284.39	1,071.39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,067.00</b>	<b>535.39</b>	<b>1,602.39</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>10am</b>	69	2,940.00	64.00	3,004.00
<b>Free Will</b>	12	232.00	—	232.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3,172.00</b>	<b>64.00</b>	<b>3,236.00</b>

**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.

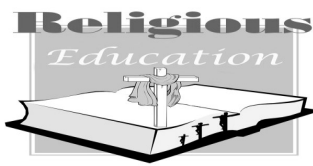
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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.