

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Fr. Frank Black

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Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

Office Staff

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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:

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries—
80-01 Metropolitan Ave.
Middle Village, NY 11379
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This aspect of the world was not all that different back in the days of St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrated last Monday. I want to spend some time today considering Augustine's life and his Confessions. His life and his most famous work flow from today's readings and relate to us. Like us, Augustine was surrounded by a society of so-called intellectuals that told him immorality was normal and acceptable.

St. Augustine was born in 354 AD in Tagaste, then part of the North African territory of the Roman Empire, now Algeria. He was intelligent, very intelligent, perhaps one of the most intelligent people ever. Like some of the intellectuals of our time, he sought justification for immorality within his own life and the lives of his friends. He sought happiness in physical satisfaction. He got a girl pregnant, and then dumped her after the baby was born. She was only the first of many women in his life. He sought happiness in intellectual endeavors, flirting with various forms of paganism. He finally realized that truth could only be found in the Church, but he did not want to sacrifice his pleasures in order to live as a Christian. But like Jeremiah in the first reading, there was fire burning in his heart. He had to listen to the voice of God in his conscience.

Responding to God's call would not be easy for Augustine. He had to struggle to fight off his selfishness, particularly in the area of sexuality. He had to humble himself to recognize that his intellect was inferior to Divine Knowledge. "You duped me Lord, and I was duped," Jeremiah complained. Augustine would have said the same thing, "You called me Lord to you. I thought this would be easy. But the path is difficult." We would agree. We would say, "It is so hard to serve you Lord in a world where we are mocked for standing for the sacredness of marriage, for the dignity of the person, for respecting the body. To Augustine and to us, Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me." "Don't be conformed to this world," Paul writes in our second reading. "Instead, be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you might discern what God's will is."

St. Augustine wrote a long prayer to God about his life. We call this book his Confessions. The Confessions of St. Augustine is more than his autobiography. It is a guide for us to understand the gifts offered to us by Grace. It is so easy to be a passive audience, reading what Augustine went through. It is challenging for us to understand that his journey was no different than ours.

You know The Confessions, or at least have heard some quotes from it. Perhaps, you know that Augustine's theme is found in the first pages of his book. "Our hearts are made for you, O God, and shall not rest until they rest in you." Nothing that we seek in this world can bring us lasting happiness. All pleasure is fleeting. We spend our lives seeking happiness. But like Augustine, we often look for it in the wrong places. Our hearts, our love, comes from God. Our search for happiness, for love, our hearts, will not be satisfied until they are fully united to God.

Towards the end of the Confessions, Augustine wrote something that is often overlooked. He wrote, "In hope we are saved." Our hope is in God. We long for union with Him; and we trust that this union will be ours. We have a slight taste of this gift when we recognize the joy of His Presence in our lives. We look forward to being completely immersed with His Presence. That is why we cannot let anything deter us from the object of our hope. "He loves you too little who loves along with you anything else that he does not love for your sake," he wrote. We can't have it both ways. We cannot be both Christian and pagan. We can't be moral in some areas and immoral in others. We can't love God if we love that which is opposed to all that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful. We do know how to love for the sake of God. You strive to do this in your marriages and families. I strive to do this in my priesthood. Your wives, your husbands, your children, my priesthood, my parish, the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and so on and so forth, all these we love these because others are given to us to draw us closer to God.

Listen now to Augustine's beautiful poem summing the Confessions of his life and perhaps so much of our lives:

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

BREAD & WINE, CANDLE, BLESSINGS

MASS INTENTIONS

| WEEKLY READINGS | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sun Sept 3 | Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 |
| Mon Sept 4 | 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tue Sept 5 | 1 Thes 5:1- 6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wed Sept 6 | Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thu Sept 7 | Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Fri Sept. 8 | Mt 5:1-4;Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16;18-23 |
| Sat Sept. 9 | Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5 |

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.**

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

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| 1 st Saturday, Sept. 2 nd | 8:30 AM Mass for The Repose of The Souls In Purgatory, Requested by Cornelia Robergeau 5 PM Mass for Linda Norde Champagne, R.I.P., Requested by Her Aunt Claudette 6 PM Light Fest Prayer Group 7 PM Prayer Service in preparation for the Feast Day of St. Gregory the Great – A Man of Limited Charity & Holy Zeal. What about us? |
| Sunday, Sept. 3 rd | 11:30 AM Feast Day of St. Gregory the Great Mass & Birthday Blessings for Guylene Momplaisir |
| Wednesday, Sept. 6 th | 8:30 AM Mass for Lester Jack, Birthday Blessings, Requested by The Family |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 th | 8:30 AM Mass for Reynold Barrow, R.I.P., Requested by Dianna Cobb-London 5 PM Vigil Mass for Chris, Carl & Sylvia Apparicio, Requested by Barbara Manuel |

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday September 2 | 8:00pm – Birthday blessings for Simone Lambert & Agatha Hector by Cita Ferguson |
| Sunday September 3 | 7:30am – Members of the Altar Rosary Society 2:30pm –a. R.I.P. Antonio Urena b. In loving memory of Alfred & Gertrude Fortune by Kathleen Fortune |
| Monday September 4 | 9:30am – For safety this Labor Day and for our brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Harvey |
| Tuesday September 5 | 7:30am – B'day blessings for Shenequa & Ann Marie Constantine by Ann Marie Constantine 9:00am – Blessings for the children of St. Matthew & the children of the world by Althea Pierre |
| Wednesday September 6 | 7:30am –R.I.P. Troy Wongwai by mom, Brenda Wongwai 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Nicholas Springer by mom, Myrna Mendez |
| Thursday September 7 | 7:30am – R.I.P. Marie Bernadette & Joseph Letang Raymond by Nadine Raymond Clarke & Carl Raymond 9:00am – R.I.P. Federico Sinclair by Cecilia Duncan |
| Friday September 8 | 7:30am – Birthday blessings for Tasha Hinds by family 9:00am – B'day blessings for John M. Content by Bertha Content |
| Saturday September 9 | 8:00am – For my loving parents Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Leondre & my husband Nathaniel L. Clouden by Maria Clouden |

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Lord, please be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those in trouble.

Lord, please be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, and bring help to them soon.

God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones.

We give You all the praise and glory forever, Lord, and know that even in the darkest hours, You are always with us. 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, 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 09/03/17

- + 10 AM Service at Marcus Garvey Manor
- + 10 AM Choir Rehearsal (Youth, Senior and Schola) in
the Church
- + 11:30 ST. GREGORY FEAST DAY MASS in Church
- + 2:30 PM Special Labor Day Mass Celebrations for
BKLYN & Queens w/Bishop Neil Tiedemann-St. Matthew
Church
- + GIFTSHOP+ CREDIT UNION

MONDAY 09/04/17-LABOR DAY {Rectory Office is Closed}

- +9:30 AM Annual (Brief) Labor Day Mass at St. Matthew
Church followed by Procession on to Eastern Parkway

WEDNESDAY 09/06/17

- + 11 AM School Mass at Holy Cross

THURSDAY 09/07/17

- + After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

SATURDAY 09/09/17

- + 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church
- + 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church
- + 6 PM Light Fest Prayer Group - Church

WEEK OF SUNDAY 09/0317 @ ST. MATTHEW

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

MONDAY 09/04/17

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

WEDNESDAY 09/06/17

- + 11am- Senior Group

FRIDAY 09/08/17

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

SATURDAY 09/09/17

- + 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

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

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 9th, to help underprivileged students. The school supplies we collected will be distributed during the BBQ. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CATHOLIC DAY

The Diocese of Brooklyn is hosting a Catholic Day on Saturday, September 9th at Citifield. The day includes a mass in the morning with Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio and host of fun games and food, followed by a Mets Game. We have a block of tickets as a parish and the price is \$15. Please contact the rectory immediately to reserve your ticket. For more information please contact the rectory.

HEALING MASS

We will have our regular monthly healing mass on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 PM. Fr. Joy will be the celebrant.

1000 HAIL MARY'S

The three communities of St. Matthew will once again recite the 1000 Hail Mary's in the Chapel on Saturday, September 9th, starting at 9:30 AM.

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.

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

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

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

COLLECTION 08/26—08/27

ST. MATTHEW

| Mass | Enve- lopes Used | Envelope Collection | Loose money | Totals |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 8 PM | 58 | 1,307.00 | 175.25 | 1,482.25 |
| 7:30 AM | 99 | 2,244.00 | 570.68 | 2,814.68 |
| 9:30 AM | 69 | 1022.00 | 305.00 | 1,327.00 |
| 11:30 AM | 90 | 1,910.00 | 544.93 | 2,454.93 |
| 1:30 PM | 43 | 625.75 | 99.00 | 724.75 |
| L.I.R. | 64 | 832.00 | — | 832.00 |
| TOTAL | 423 | 7,940.75 | 1,694.86 | 9,635.61 |

ST. GREGORY

| Mass | Enve- lopes Used | Envelope Collec- tion | Loose money | Totals |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 5:00 pm | 17 | 430.00 | 142.76 | 572.76 |
| 11:30AM | 42 | 1,042.00 | 222.75 | 1,264.75 |
| Grand Total | 59 | 1,472.00 | 365.51 | 1,837.51 |

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

| Mass | Enve- lopes Used | Envelope Collection | Loose money | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 10am | 57 | 2,697.30 | 21.00 | 2,718.30 |
| Free Will | 7 | 283.00 | — | 283.00 |
| Grand Total | 64 | 2,980.30 | 21.00 | 3,001.30 |

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.

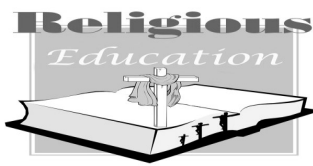
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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 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 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.