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Secular Calendar Date	Day	Church Calendar Abbrev	Time	Type	Topic or Event
9/5/2017	Tues	of 22 OT	6:00 pm	Class	What is RCIA? Overview of RCIA and Cathedral Tour
9/12/2017	Tues	of 23 OT	6:00 pm	Class	The Existence of God (Ch. 1)
9/19/2017	Tues	of 24 OT	6:00 pm	Class	God Comes to Meet Us, Proclaim the Gospel (Ch. 2 & 3)
9/26/2017	Tues	of 25 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Obedience of Faith, I Believe in God (Ch. 4 & 5)
10/3/2017	Tues	of 26 OT	6:00 pm	Class	In the Beginning, The Good News, Saving Death and Resurrection (Ch. 6, 7, & 8)
			6:00 pm	Meeting	Meeting for RCIA Sponsors. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the RCIA Process • Catholics and Protestants in the USA and Texas • Role and Responsibilities of Sponsors • Available Resources
10/10/2017	Tues	of 27 OT	6:00 pm	Class	The Holy Spirit and the Church (Ch. 9 & 10)
10/17/2017	Tues	of 28 OT	6:00 pm	Class	The Four Marks of the Church (Ch. 11)
10/24/2017	Tues	of 29 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Christian Prayer (Ch. 35 & 36)
10/31/2017	Tues	of 30 OT	6:00 pm	Class	The Mass (Ch. 14)
				Deadline	Baptismal Certificates Due; Affidavits Signed
11/1/2016	Wed	All Saints	TBD	Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)	All Saints' Day Mass on your own. First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us at the evening Mass at the Cathedral
11/2/2017	Thurs	All Souls	TBD	Mass (Optional)	All Souls Day Mass on your own. Pews will be reserved for us at the evening Mass at the Cathedral.
11/7/2017	Tues	of 31 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints, and Angels (Ch. 12)
11/11/2017	Sat	of 31 OT	9 am-11:30 am	Retreat	RCIA Morning Retreat. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Power of Baptism • Confirmation Saints as Role Models • Theology of the Body: Treating Ourselves and Others Correctly • The Rosary • Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome Liturgy
			11:30 am-1 pm	Mass	Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees
			1-2 pm	Lunch	Lunch provided—get to know each other better
11/12/2017	Sun	32 OT	5:30 pm	Mass/Rite	Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome for RCIA
11/14/2017	Tues	of 32 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Ways to Fully Participate Now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Mass: Readings, Music, and Spiritual Communion • At Prayer: Rosary Recap, Chaplets, and Liturgy of the Hours



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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eucharistic Adoration • Cathedral Parish and Diocese of Austin's Series and Special Events • Reading the Catholic Classics
11/21/2017	Tues	of 33 OT	6:00 pm	Class	The First Three Commandments (Ch. 25, 26, & 27)
11/28/2017	Tues	of 34 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Our Eternal Destiny (Ch. 13) ; Living Advent Meaningfully
12/5/2017	Tues	of Advent 1	6:00 pm	Class	Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments (Ch. 28, 29, & 30)
12/8/2017	Fri	of Advent 1	TBD	Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary First 4 rows on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us at the evening Mass at the Cathedral.
12/12/2017	Tues	of Advent 2	6:00 pm	Class	Seventh and Eighth Commandments (Ch. 31 and 32)
12/19/2017	Tues	of Advent 3	6:00 pm	Class	Ninth and Tenth Commandments (Ch. 33 & 34)
12/25/2017	Mon	Christmas	On Your Own	Mass	Christmas Day (Mass on your own)
12/26/2017	Tues	Christmas	-----	-----	No Class: Christmas Week
1/1/2018	Mon	Octave Day of the Nativity	Noon	Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Mass on your own). First 4 rows on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us at the noon Mass at the Cathedral.
1/2/2018	Tues	Saints Basil and Gregory	6:00 pm	Class	Sacrament of Baptism (Ch. 15)
1/9/2018	Tues	after Epiphany	6:00 pm	Class	Sacrament of Confirmation (Ch. 16)
1/16/2018	Tues	of 2 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Sacrament of Eucharist (Ch. 17); Adoration and Benediction: Traditional Prayers and Hymns
1/23/2018	Tues	of 3 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Ch. 18); Spiritual Growth
1/30/2018	Tues	of 4 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (Ch. 19) ; Catholic Bioethics (handouts)
2/6/2018	Tues	of 5 OT	6:00 pm	Class	Sacraments of Holy Orders (Ch. 20), Sacrament of Matrimony (Ch. 21)
2/7/2018	Wed	of 5 OT	6:00 pm	Penance Service	Baptized Candidates and Their Sponsors: RCIA Penitential Rite (Scrutiny) in Preparation for First Confessions
				Sacrament	First Confessions
2/11/2018	Sun	6 OT	8:30;	Rite	Mass: Reception into the Full Communion of the



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			Mass at 9:30		Catholic Church for the Baptized Candidates with Bishop Vásquez; Readings from the Mass for the Unity of Christians
2/11/2018	Sun	6 OT	Noon	Rite	Mass: Rite of Sending for the Unbaptized Catechumens
2/13/2018	Tues	[Mardi Gras!]	6:00 pm	Class	Living Lent Meaningfully: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving Beginning of 2018-2019 RCIA Period for Unbaptized Inquirers (to conclude Easter Vigil 2019)
2/14/2018	Wed	AW	-----	Mass	Ash Wednesday Mass or service on your own
2/17/2018	Sat	of Lent	10:00 am-noon + lunch	Optional Retreat	Planned: Our Catholic Heritage: Our Place at the Table (Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center). Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Diocesan Pastoral Center • Tour of the Texas Catholic Archives • Researching our Personal Faith Heritage • Group lunch afterwards at Los Jaliscienses next door (pay for yourself)
2/18/2018	Sun	Lent 1	TBD, afternoon	Rite	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Rite of Election at St. John Vianney in Round Rock (Details TBD)
2/20/2018	Tues	of Lent 1	6:00 pm	Class	Moral Life I (Ch. 23 & 24)
2/27/2018	Tues	of Lent 2	6:00 pm	Class	Moral Life II (Ch. 23 & 24)
3/3/2018	Sat	Vigil of Lent 3	5:30 pm	Mass (Vigil)	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Mass, First Scrutiny, and Scripture Break
3/6/2018	Tues	of Lent 3	6:00 pm	Class	Moral Life Discussion Panel
3/10/2018	Sat	of Lent 3	Noon	Mass	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Mass for the Presentation of the Creed (with Parish)
3/11/2018	Sun	Lent 4 (Laetare)	5:30 pm	Mass	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Mass, Second Scrutiny, and Scripture Break
3/13/2018	Tues	of Lent 4	6:00 pm	Class	Sacramentals and Popular Devotions (Ch. 22), St. Mary's Cathedral Ministries, and Cathedral Parish Life
3/18/2018	Sun	Lent 5	Noon	Mass	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Mass, Third Scrutiny, and Scripture Break (Must Attend)
			1:30 – 5:00 pm	Retreat	All RCIA: Lunch and Day Retreat Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectio Divina: Bible Study as Prayer • Stations of the Cross and Jerusalem's Via Dolorosa • Q&A
3/20/2018	Tues	of Lent 5	6:00 pm	Class	Holy Week Overview: What, When, How, and Why



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3/24/2018	Sat	of Lent 5	Noon	Mass	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Mass for the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (with Parish)
3/25/2018	Sun	Palm Sunday	11:30 am/Noon	Program/ Mass	All: Cathedral Palm Sunday Procession, and Noon Mass. First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
3/27/2018	Tues	Holy Tues	6:00 pm	Class/ Rehearsal	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Mass Rehearsal for Easter Vigil: Hymns, Mass Service Music, Litany of the Saints, and Liturgical Texts
3/28/2018	Wed	Holy Wed	6:30 pm	Rehearsal in the Cathedral	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Rehearsal for Easter Vigil with Sponsors (Details TBD)
3/29/2018	Thurs	Holy Thurs	7:00 pm	Mass	All: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (Attend if at All Possible) First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
3/30/2018	Fri	Good Friday	Noon	Stations of the Cross	All: Stations of the Cross (Attend if at All Possible) First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
			2:00 pm	Mass	All: Good Friday Mass (Attend if at All Possible) First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
			8:00 pm	Mass	All: Tenebrae Mass (Attend if at All Possible) First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
3/31/2018	Sat	Holy Sat	7:00; Mass at 8:30	Mass/ Rite	Unbaptized Catechumens and Their Sponsors: Holy Saturday Rites; Easter Vigil Mass and Rite of Initiation with Bishop Vásquez
4/1/2018	Sun	Easter	TBD	Mass	Easter Sunday Mass on your own
4/3/2018	Tues	of Easter	6:00 pm	Class	All: Mystagogy: Our Catholic Lay Apostolate
4/10/2018	Tues	of Easter 2	6:00 pm	Class	Study of Easter 2 Year A Readings: Divine Mercy: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 Mystagogy as Part of the Parish Body: 6-Part Series: <i>James: Put Your Faith to Work</i> (Six Weeks with the Bible: Catholic Perspectives, from Loyola Press): Session 1 (Open to the Parish)
4/17/2018	Tues	of Easter 3	6:00 pm	Class	Study of Easter 3 Year A Readings: Emmaus and the Mass: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 Mystagogy as Part of the Parish Body: 6-Part Series: <i>James: Put Your Faith to Work</i> (Six Weeks with the Bible: Catholic Perspectives, from Loyola Press): Session 2 (Open to the Parish)



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4/24/2018	Tues	of Easter 4	6:00 pm	Class	Study of Easter 4 Year A Readings: Shepherd and Sheep: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10 Mystagogy as Part of the Parish Body: 6-Part Series: <i>James: Put Your Faith to Work</i> (Six Weeks with the Bible: Catholic Perspectives, from Loyola Press): Session 3 (Open to the Parish)
5/1/2018	Tues	of Easter 5	6:00 pm	Class	Study of Easter 5 Year A Readings: Jesus and the Father: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 Mystagogy as Part of the Parish Body: 6-Part Series: <i>James: Put Your Faith to Work</i> (Six Weeks with the Bible: Catholic Perspectives, from Loyola Press): Session 4 (Open to the Parish)
5/8/2018	Tues	of Easter 6	6:00 pm	Class	Study of Easter 6 Year A Readings: Jesus and the Holy Spirit: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-20 Mystagogy as Part of the Parish Body: 6-Part Series: <i>James: Put Your Faith to Work</i> (Six Weeks with the Bible: Catholic Perspectives, from Loyola Press): Session 5 (Open to the Parish)
5/15/2018	Tues	of Easter 7	6:00 pm	Class	Study of Easter 7 Year A Readings: Unity of the Church: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a Mystagogy as Part of the Parish Body: 6-Part Series: <i>James: Put Your Faith to Work</i> (Six Weeks with the Bible: Catholic Perspectives, from Loyola Press): Session 6 (Open to the Parish)
5/19/2018	Sat	of Easter 7	11:30-noon	Rosary	Rosary with regular Cathedral Mass attendees. First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
			Noon-1 pm	Mass	Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees. First 4 pews on Mary's side ("stage right") saved for us.
			1-2 pm	Lunch	Potluck celebration of the completion of the RCIA year
		Pentecost Vigil	4:30; 5:30 Mass	Mass/Rite	Rite of Acceptance (1st opportunity) for 2018-2019 Unbaptized Inquirers/Candidates
6/2/2018	Sat	of Trinity	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional June topic: Sacred Heart of Jesus



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					<p>Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: Knights of Columbus, Knights of Peter Claver, and Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem</p> <p>Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>
7/7/2018	Sat	of Trinity	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	<p>Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish):</p> <p>Traditional July topic: The Precious Blood</p> <p>Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Group: Catholic Healthcare Guild</p> <p>Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>
8/4/2018	Sat	of OT 17	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	<p>Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish):</p> <p>Traditional August topic: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p> <p>Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: Annunciation Maternity Home, Christ Child Society of Texas (Capitol Area)</p> <p>Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>
9/1/2018	Sat	of OT 21	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	<p>Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish):</p> <p>Traditional September topic: The Seven Sorrows of Mary</p> <p>Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Group: Catholic Charities of Central Texas</p> <p>Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>
10/6/2018	Sat	of OT 26	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	<p>Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish):</p> <p>Traditional October topic: The Holy Rosary</p> <p>Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: Austin Rosary Crusade, Schoenstatt Movement of Austin</p> <p>Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>
11/3/2018	Sat	of OT 30	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	<p>Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish):</p> <p>Traditional November topic: Poor Souls in Purgatory</p> <p>Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: ACTS Retreats, Mercy of God Prayer Center</p> <p>Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>



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12/1/2018	Sat	of OT 34/ Christ the King	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional December topic: The Immaculate Conception Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Group: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees
1/5/2019	Sat	Saturday of Christmas	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional January topic: The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: John Paul II Life Center, Focolare Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees
2/2/2019	Sat	of OT 3	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional February topic: The Holy Family Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Group: Christian Family Movement/ Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees
3/2/2019	Sat	of OT 7	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional March topic: St. Joseph Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: Assembly of Catholic Professionals, Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees
4/6/2019	Sat	of Lent 4	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional April topic: The Blessed Sacrament Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: Serra International, Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (Clerical Endowment Fund) Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees
5/4/2019	Sat	of Easter 2	9 am-1 pm	Class and Lay Group Presentation	Neophyte Year/First Saturday Morning Retreat (open to the parish): Traditional May topic: The Blessed Virgin Mary



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					<p align="center">Proposed Guest Lay Presenter Groups: Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Theresians International Rosary and Mass with regular Cathedral Mass attendees</p>
5/20/2019	Sun	Pentecost	-----	-----	Completion of the RCIA Neophyte Year for the newly baptized Catholics who were baptized on Easter Vigil 2018