

**Outline of the RCIA 2023-24
at the Catholic Community at Stanford
Tuesday, 7:00 PM-8:15 PM**

*Note Well: Special arrangements will be made for those who can not make the Tuesday classes.
Personal schedules and other demands may necessitate that missing a class;
individual make-up sessions can be arranged on the website (www.stanfordcatholic.org) under the tabs:
CONNECT and NEED TO TALK?) or on the CC@S APP*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topics for Discussion Topic Type of Prayer</i>	<i>Homework For Next Time</i>
Week 1 9/26	<p>Welcome – Greet & Meet</p> <p><i>Opening Prayer: Call of Abraham</i></p> <p><i>Introducing Yourself: What story brings you here?</i></p> <p><i>Information About the Class</i></p> <p><i>Beginning to Pray</i></p> <p>This is a short meeting since it is also the first day of the quarter.</p>	
Week 2 10/3	<p>The Power of Story</p> <p><i>Opening Prayer: Journey to Emmaus</i></p> <p><i>Discussion: What story or theme do you use to interpret your life? When in your life did your “hearts burn”?</i></p> <p>(I) Interpreting Story: Metanarrative.</p> <p>(II) (II) What can I know?</p> <p>(III) Faith & The Possibility of Knowledge</p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Awareness Meditation</i></p> <p><i>Closing Activity: Burning Questions</i></p>	<p>Read for next time: <i>Luke 24:1-36</i></p> <p><i>Please read the article: When Is Synchronicity A Sign?</i></p>
Week 3 10/10 (Need location)	<p>The Bible, A Library of Books</p> <p><i>A people’s experience of a revealing God.</i></p> <p>Principles of Biblical Interpretation</p> <p><i>Literary Genres</i></p> <p><i>Use: Modern Creation Story & Extracts from Dei Verbum</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Lectio Divina: Praying Stories</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Luke 1:1-4</i> • <i>Genesis 1:1-2:10 & Ezekiel 28:1-19</i> • <i>Babylonian Creation Myth (Handout)</i> <p><i>Given at Class</i></p> <p><i>Enrichment Reading: Extracts from Vatican II’ Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation)</i></p>

<p>Week 4 10/17</p>	<p><i>Opening Prayer: Video Meditation</i> <i>Discussion: Are religion and science incompatible?</i></p> <p>Creation's Stories & Science Exploring the message of Genesis 1-2</p> <p><i>Reading Scripture in light of its social, cultural and linguistic background.</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Form: A St. Francis walk</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 2:4-4:26 • Romans 5
<p>Week 5 10/24</p>	<p><i>Discussion: What is evil and what is sin?</i> <i>What does it do to me?</i></p> <p>The Problem of Evil: Stories of Brokenness <i>(Gen 2-4)</i> <i>Original Sin</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Prayer of the Forsaken</i></p> <p>Last Things: Purgatory, Heaven, Hell <i>Explanation: All Souls & All Saints Day</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 12 & 15 • Exodus 1-3
<p>Week 6 10/31 <i>All Saints' Day</i></p>	<p><i>Opening Prayer: The Call of Abraham</i> <i>Discussion: What are my "images" of God?</i> <i>Where is God calling you?</i></p> <p>God Choses A People For Mission</p> <p><i>Spirituality: Our images shape our experiences!</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leviticus 25:23-28 • Isaiah 43:1-9 • Matthew 3:1-5:12
<p>Week 7 11/7 <i>Election Day</i></p>	<p><i>Opening Prayer: I have heard their cry. Ex. 3</i> <i>Discussion: What does it mean to be saved?</i> <i>When have I felt "liberated"?</i></p> <p>Stories of Redeemer & Redemption <i>(Exodus & Isaiah)</i></p> <p>Jesus' Unlikely Beginning</p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Lectio Divining – Praying Christ's Stories</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezekiel 34:1-16 • Mark 1:1-3:1 (<i>Read quickly, notice who is cured.</i>)
<p>Week 8 11/14</p>	<p><i>Opening Prayer: I will shepherd. Ez 34:1-16</i></p> <p>Jesus' Healing & Jesus Forgiving</p> <p>Salvation looks like ... Forgiveness</p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Praying Forgiveness</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 6:21-49 • Matthew 5-7
<p>11/17 11/25</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Break First Sunday of Advent</p>	
<p>Week 9 11/28</p>	<p><i>Discussion: What happens to me as a person when I sin?</i></p> <p>Jesus' Torah: Beatitudes & Sermon on the Mountain <i>"Do not resist the evil doer." Matt 5:39 Meaning?</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Advent Wreathe</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 16:13-17:23 • Luke 1-2 & Matthew 1 • John 1:1-18

<p>Week 10 12/5</p>	<p><i>Opening Prayer:</i> <i>Discussion: Who do you say that I am?</i> <i>Who does he say you are?</i></p> <p>Jesus' Identity & The Christmas Story</p> <p><i>Prayer Form: The Jesus Prayer</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i> • <i>I Corinthians 12:1-13:13</i> • <i>Phil 2:1-18</i> • <i>John 1:1-18</i> • <i>Colossians 1-2:15</i>
<p>12:11-15 12:16ff</p>	<p>No Class – Final Exams</p> <p>Christmas Break</p>	
	<p><i>No RCIA Classes Until 1/9</i></p>	
<p>Week 1 1/9</p>	<p><i>Discussion: Why did God create me?</i> <i>What do I imagine heaven to be?</i></p> <p>Trinity – The Heart of the Matter</p> <p><i>Discussion: How should I be living if God is the Trinity?</i> <i>What is my future?</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark 14:12-27</i> • <i>Luke 15</i>
<p>Week 2 1/16</p>	<p><i>Opening Prayer: The Good Shepherd</i></p> <p>Jesus's Table Fellowship & Last Supper <i>Forming a People Called Saints</i></p> <p><i>Discussion: What kind of person do I want to be?</i> <i>Who am I called to be for others?</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Praying Meals</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I Corinthians 11:17-34</i> <p><i>Given out at Class: On the Eucharist</i></p>
<p>Week 3 1/23</p>	<p>The Eucharist</p> <p><i>Praying the Mass</i></p>	
<p>Week 4 1/30</p>	<p><i>Discussion: What makes a gift a real gift?</i></p> <p>How do we communicate?</p> <p>Sacraments: Signs & Symbols of the Ineffable</p> <p><i>Discussion: 4 Moments Liturgical prayer</i> <i>Prayer Form: Praying the Sacraments</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Romans 6:1-14</i> • <i>Acts of the Apostles 2:22-42; 8:14-17</i> • <i>Mark 6:12-13</i> • <i>James 5:7-16</i>
<p>Week 5 2/6</p>	<p>Baptism, Confirmation & Anointing of the Sick</p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark 2:1-14</i> • <i>Luke 15</i>
<p>Week 6 2/13</p>	<p>Lent: Repentance & Reconciliation</p> <p>Growth & Reconciliation</p>	
<p>2/14</p>	<p><i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Valentine's Day</i></p>	
<p>Week 7 2/20</p>	<p>Moral Reasoning</p> <p><i>Prayer Form: Prayer Form: Stations of the Cross Spiritual</i></p>	<p><i>Read for next time:</i></p>

Week 8 2/27	Moral Reasoning <i>Prayer Form: Prayer Form: Stations of the Cross Spiritual</i>	<i>Read for the next time:</i> • <i>Matthew 9:1-17</i>
Week 9 3/5	Grace & Spiritual Gifts & Spirituality for Daily Life Marriage	
Week 10 3/12	Creed & Christian Life	
3/19 Finals' Week	Exploring Holy Week: Last Supper, Crucifixion & Resurrection (Short class)	
Spring Break & HOLY WEEK	Palm Sunday March 24 Holy Thursday March 28 – 8pm Good Friday March 29 – 8 pm Easter Vigil w. Baptisms, Receptions, Confirmation March 30 8 pm <i>Practice at 9-10 am</i> Easter March 31	
Week 1 4/2	Mystagogy – Design Spirituality <i>Sharing Easter Experiences</i> <i>Living the Catholic Life</i>	
Week 2 4/9	Mystagogy – D-Spirituality <i>Praying the Sacraments & Service & Praying Your Life</i>	
Week 3 4/16	Mystagogy – D-Spirituality Personality & Prayer Forms (Devotions) The Art of Freindship	For the next class: Take the Charisms Inventory or Strength-Finders Inventory
Week 4 4/23	Mystagogy – D-Spirituality Grace Builds on Nature: My Talents “Live by the Spirit; let by the Spirit”	Following this class: meet with Fr. Xavier about your talents or charisms inventory results
Week 5 4/30	Mystagogy – D-Spirituality My Talents & Charisms: Debriefing the Inventories	
Week 6 5/7	Mystagogy – D-Spirituality Discovery & Discernment & Design	
May 12	Ascension Sunday	

Week 7 5/14	Mystagogy – D-Spirituality Your Prophetic Voice: Building The Community	
May 19	Pentecost Sunday	