

RCIA COMBINED RITES OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING

TONIGHT

***Brief overview of what these Rites are**

***What to expect**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

We are finishing the

**INQUIRY
Stage**

(Pre-Catechuminate)

You are entering into the 2nd Stage of RCIA.

THE CATECHUMENATE STAGE

Bridge to the Catechumenate Stage:

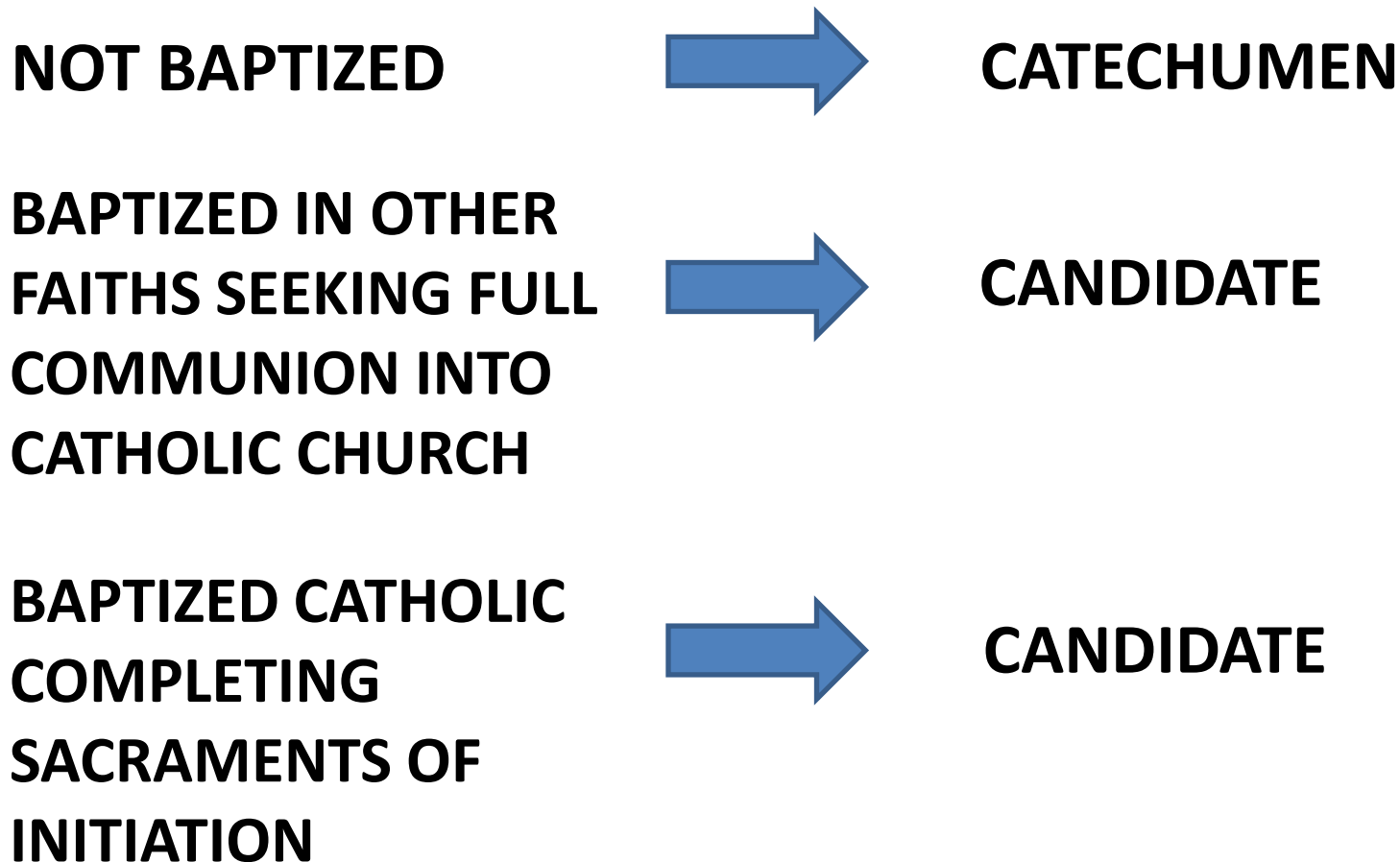
Rites of Acceptance/ Welcoming



RCIA STAGE

Finishing: Inquiry Stage

Entering: Catechumenate Stage



LITURGICAL RITES

What is a Rite?

*A ceremonial act or procedure prescribed or customary in religious or other solemn use.



LITURGICAL RITES

Why does the Church require that liturgical rites be an essential element of the Rite of Christian Initiation?

The rites are foundational in the formation of participants for in these liturgies they encounter Christ and are transformed by His grace.

Why Two Rites?

- *RITE OF ACCEPTANCE** → **NOT BAPTIZED**
(Catechumens)
- *RITE OF WELCOMING** → **BAPTIZED**
(Candidates)

Coming Home Catholics are not preparing for sacraments, so they are not a part of the Rites. They receive a blessing from Father after the Rite before dismissal.

BEFORE THE RITE...

WHAT SHOULD CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES SEE IN THEMSELVES?

- ✓ Evidence of the initial conversion/intention to change
- ✓ Desire to enter into a relationship with God in Christ
- ✓ Evidence of the first stirrings of repentance
- ✓ Start to call upon God in prayer
- ✓ A sense of Church
- ✓ Experience of the company and spirit of Christians by contact with a priest and members of the Catholic Community.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

into the Order of Catechumens

- **Catechumens assemble publicly for the first time to declare to the Church their intentions to become its members.**
- **In turn the Church accepts.**
- **God showers His grace on the Catechumens**
 - **Rite manifests Catechumens' desires publicly**
 - **Marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.**

CATECHUMENS' DIALOGUE WITH PRIEST

**CATECHUMENS ARE CALLED FORWARD
WITH SPONSORS FOR A DIALOGUE WITH PRIEST:**

Q. WHAT DO YOU ASK OF GOD'S CHURCH?

A. _____

Q. WHAT DOES FAITH OFFER YOU?

A. _____

**Q. ASKED IF THEY ARE READY TO LIVE THE LIFE
AS CHRIST TEACHES IN THE GOSPELS**

A. _____

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Q. WHAT DO YOU ASK OF GOD'S CHURCH?

A. Faith

Q. WHAT DOES FAITH OFFER YOU?

A. Eternal Life

**Q. ASKED IF THEY ARE READY TO LIVE THE LIFE
AS CHRIST TEACHES IN THE GOSPELS. *"Are you
ready, with the help of God to live this life?"***

A. I am

RITE OF WELCOMING CANDIDATES (baptized)

- **Publicly announce their desire to seek full communion with the Catholic Church or completing sacraments of initiation.**
- **In turn the Church acknowledges.**
- **Candidates are already part of the community because they have been marked by baptism.**
- **Church surrounds them with special care and support as they prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Spirit in confirmation and take their place at the banquet table of Christ's sacrifice.**
- **God showers His grace on the Candidates**

CANDIDATES' DIALOGUE WITH PRIEST

Q. WHAT DO YOU ASK OF GOD'S CHURCH?

A. _____

Q. WHAT DOES THIS PERIOD OF FORMATION OFFER YOU?

A. _____

Q. ARE YOU prepared to listen to the Apostles' instruction, gather with the Church for prayer (mass), and join the Church in the love and service of others?

A. _____

CANDIDATES' DIALOGUE WITH PRIEST

Q. WHAT DO YOU ASK OF GOD'S CHURCH?

A. To be accepted as a candidate for instruction leading to Confirmation and Eucharist.

Q. WHAT DOES THIS PERIOD OF FORMATION OFFER YOU?

A. A fuller sharing in the life of the Church

Q. ARE YOU prepared to listen to the Apostles' instruction, gather with the Church for prayer (mass), and join the Church in the love and service of others?

A. I Am

For Sponsors and the Assembly

AFFIRMATION BY ALL SPONSORS AND ASSEMBLY

**Q. PRIEST ASKS SPONSORS AND ASSEMBLY IF
THEY ARE READY TO HELP THE
CATECHUMENS/CANDIDATES FOLLOW CHRIST.**

***Response:* WE ARE**



SIGNING OF THE SENSES BY FR. LAHOOD FIRST AND THEN BY THEIR SPONSORS

SIGNING OF FOREHEAD

- Catechumens: Sign of your new way of life
- Candidates: Sign as a reminder of your life with Christ



SIGNING OF EARS – “That they may hear the voice of the Lord”



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SIGNING OF LIPS – “That they will respond to the Word of God”



SIGNING CONTINUED

- **SIGNING OF HEART** – “That Christ may dwell by faith in their heart”
- **SIGNING OF SHOULDERS** – “That they bear the gentle yoke of Christ”
- **SIGNING OF HANDS** – “That Christ may be known in their work”
- **SIGNING OF FEET** – “That they may walk in the way of Christ”

PRAYER AFTER SIGNING

Celebrant's Prayer:



*Your servants have received the sign of
the cross;*

*Make them living proof of its saving
power;*

*And help them to persevere in the
footsteps of Christ.*

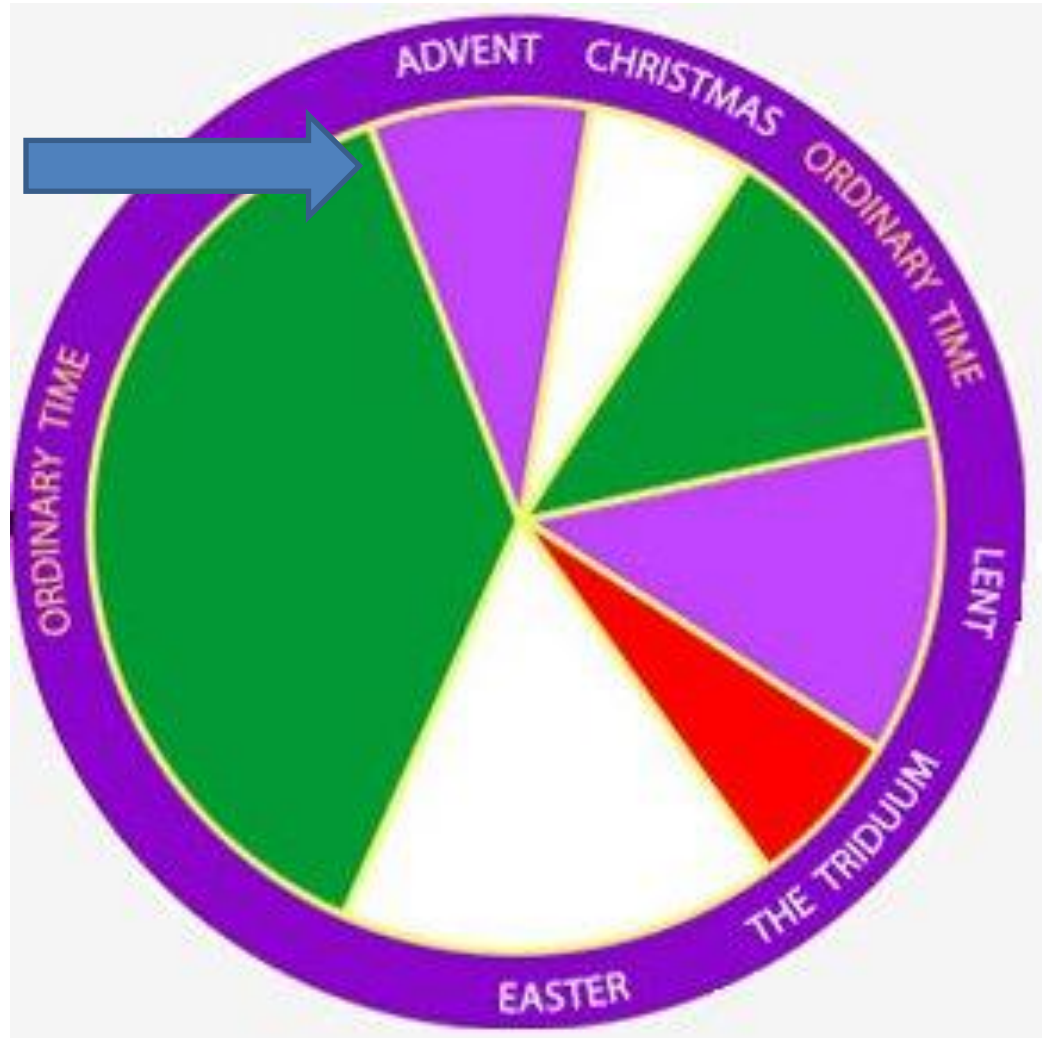
IMPORTANT

- Sponsors and Inquirers need to attend practice on Tuesday, November 29 in **Church***
 - Sponsors and Inquirers must need to attend Rites on Sunday, Dec 4 at 11:30am Mass. (arrive at 11:00a.m.)*
 - Questions/ Concerns – call Regina*
- End-**

END OF LITURGICAL CALENDAR

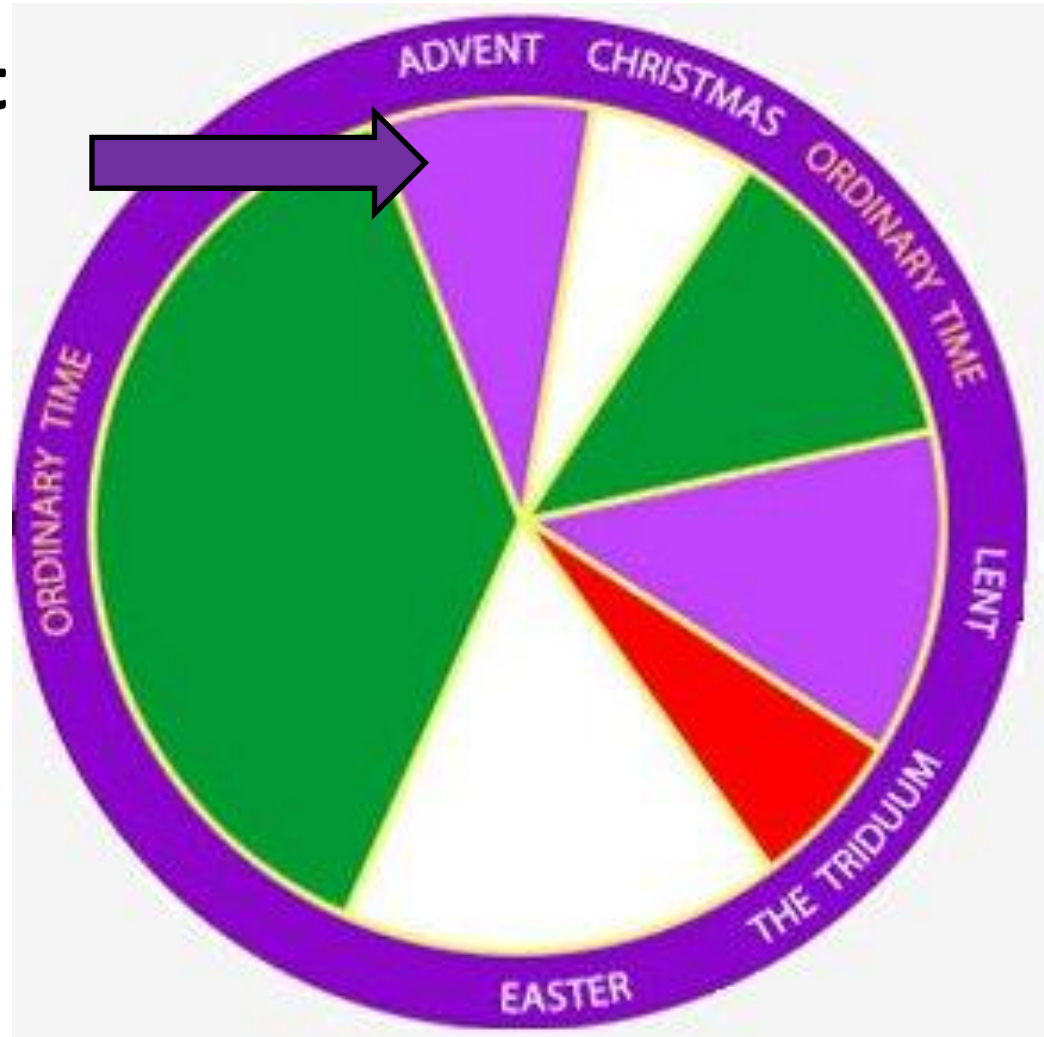
Christ the King

November 20, 2016



END OF LITURGICAL CALENDAR

1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016



ADVENT: *anglicized from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming"*

- Beginning of Liturgical Year
- Four weeks long
- *Advent* with designated scripture readings to help bring the Church's thoughts to the first coming of Jesus Christ as savior and to his second coming as judge
- Color purple (except 3rd week - **rose** = joy)



ADVENT WREATH



- THE ADVENT WREATH IS **GREEN**, THE **COLOR OF NEW LIFE AND HOPE**.
- **GREEN** REMINDS US OF THE NEWBORN JESUS, WHO CAME TO SHOW US THE WAY TO EVERLASTING LIFE.
- **GREEN** REMINDS US OF THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE WE RECEIVED AT BAPTISM.
- **GREEN** ALSO REMINDS US THAT WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE, BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US, TO RAISE US UP WHEN WE ARE SAD, WHEN WE ARE SICK, AND EVEN WHEN WE DIE.

ADVENT WREATH



- THE ADVENT WREATH HAS **THREE PURPLE CANDLES** AND **ONE ROSE CANDLE**.
- **PURPLE** IS THE COLOR OF KINGS AND QUEENS.
- IT IS ALSO THE COLOR OF *PENANCE*: THE SMALL SACRIFICES WE MAKE TO WELCOME JESUS IN OUR HEARTS, IN OUR NEIGHBOR AND TO PREPARE OURSELVES TO MEET HIM ON CHRISTMAS DAY.
- THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: **ROSE** CANDLE
ROSE IS THE COLOR OF JOY. IT REMINDS US OF THE JOY OF MEETING JESUS AT CHRISTMAS.

ADVENT WREATH



- THE ADVENT WREATH IS MADE IN A CIRCLE, WITH NO BEGINNING OR END. IT REMINDS US OF GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE, WHICH HAS NO BEGINNING OR END.
- THE LIGHT OF THE CANDLES REMINDS US OF JESUS, WHO COMES TO US AS LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

END OF PRESENTATION