

The following is an outline of the classes taught for an RCIA program, or any adult education classes that give a general background of the Catholic faith. The classes refer to the Catechism and Peter Kreeft's book Catholic Christianity.

LESSONS IN CATHOLICISM

Outlines are available at: <http://pilgrimandpriest.com/RCIA>

#	TOPIC	READINGS
1	Introduction	None
2	Faith, Reason, and Our Desire for God	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section I, Chapter 1 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapter 1
3	The Light of Truth: Revelation and Church Teaching	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Chapters 2-3
4	God in Himself: Father, Son and Holy Spirit	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 1, Paragraphs 1-3 & Chapter 3, Article 8 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapters 2 & 6
5	The Goodness of Creation and Mankind in the Image of God; The Fall and Human Sin	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 1, Paragraphs 4-7 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapters 3-4
6	Jesus Christ: True God and True Man; Teachings on Mary	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 2, Articles 2-3 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapter 5 & Part III, chapter 8
7	Jesus Christ: His Life on Earth, The Paschal Mystery and Redemption	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 2, Articles 4-7 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapter 8
8	Jesus Christ and The Forgiveness of Sins	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 3, Article 10; <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapter 8
9	The Catholic Church on earth and in heaven; Devotion to Mary, Angels and the Communion of Saints	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 3, Article 9 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapter 7

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10	The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting	<u>Catechism</u> : Part I, Section 2, Chapter 3, Articles 11-12 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part I, Chapters 9-10
11	Catholic Liturgy: The Sense of Mystery and the Joining of Heaven and Earth; The Sacramental System	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 1, Chapter 1-2 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapters 1-2
12	Baptism and Confirmation: Rebirth and Strength	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 2, Chapter 1, Articles 1 & 2 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapter 3
13	The Eucharist and the Mass	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 2, Chapter 1, Article 3 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapter 4
14	Tour of the Church and Explanation of Liturgical Books, and Vestments	Handout
15	The Sacrament of Matrimony	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 2, Chapter 3, Article 7 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapter 6
16	The Sacrament of Holy Orders and Religious Orders in the Church	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 2, Chapter 3, Article 6 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapter 7
17	The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 2, Chapter 2, Articles 4-5 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapters 5 & 8
18	Fundamental Principles of Morality: Human Nature, Virtues and Vices, Truth and Conscience	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 1, Chapter -3 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapters 1-4
19	The First Three Commandments and the Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 2, Chapter 1 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapter 5
20	The Fourth Commandment and the Human Family	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 2, Chapter 2, Article 4 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapter 6
21	The Fifth Commandment and the Culture of Life	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 2, Chapter 2, Article 5 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapter 7

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22	The Sixth and Ninth Commandments: Purity, Truth, and Love	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 2, Chapter 2, Articles 6 & 9 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapter 8
23	The Seventh and Tenth Commandments: Property and Economic Justice	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 2, Chapter 2, Articles 7 & 10 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapter 9
24	The Eighth Commandment and the Splendor of Truth	<u>Catechism</u> : Part III, Section 2, Chapter 2, Article 8 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part II, Chapter 10
25	Review of the Church Calendar; Prayer Life and Types of Prayer	Handout; <u>Catechism</u> : Part IV, Section 1 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapter 9
26	Some Devotions and Prayers of the Church	<u>Catechism</u> : Part II, Section 2 <u>Catholic Christianity</u> : Part III, Chapter 10
27	Some Catholic Resources	Handout
28	A Brief History of Leading Catholic Traditions of Spirituality	Handout