

## ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH RCIA CALENDAR AND TOPICS 2011–2012

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### AUGUST

29 Monday: **WELCOME TO THE RCIA!**

### ***BEGIN PERIOD OF INQUIRY***

### SEPTEMBER

5 Monday: **Labor Day** — NO SESSION

12 Monday: **GOD**

19 Monday: **HUMANKIND**

26 Monday: **JESUS CHRIST**

### OCTOBER

3 Monday: **SALVATION**

10 Monday: **THE CHURCH**

17 Monday: **THE SACRAMENTS**

24 Monday: **THE EUCHARIST AND THE MASS**

31 Monday: Happy All Saints' Eve! (**NO SESSION**)

### NOVEMBER

5 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel): **Sponsor Orientation and Blessing of the Crosses**  
*(RCIA/RCIC team members and sponsors only)*

7 Monday: **THE CHURCH YEAR AND SACRAMENTALS**

14 Monday: **Meet the Sponsors Potluck**; prepare for the Rites and the Period of the Catechumenate

19 Saturday: **Rehearsal for Rite of Welcoming / Acceptance** *(RCIA/RCIC team members and sponsors only)*, 12:30 p.m.

20 Sunday: Solemnity of Christ the King: **Rite of Welcoming** (for the baptized) and **Rite of Acceptance Into the Order of Catechumens** (for the unbaptized); 9:00 a.m. Mass; first Breaking Open the Word (BOTW)

### ***BEGIN PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE***

21 Monday: **SACRED TRADITION**; reflect on what was “handed down” in the Rite

27 First Sunday in Advent; **NO BOTW** at 9:00 a.m. Mass (Thanksgiving weekend)

28 Monday: **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

## **DECEMBER**

4 Second Sunday in Advent; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

5 Monday: **SALVATION HISTORY**

11 Third Sunday in Advent; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

12 Monday: **THE LAST THINGS**

18 Fourth Sunday in Advent; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

19 Monday: **MARY AND THE SAINTS**

25 Sunday: Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas; Holy Day of Obligation); **NO BOTW**

26 Monday: **NO SESSION** — Octave of Christmas

## **JANUARY**

1 Sunday: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; New Year's Day; **NO BOTW**

2 Monday: **THE STORY OF THE CHURCH**

8 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

9 Monday: **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

15 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

16 Monday: **THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT AND CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES**

22 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

23 Monday: **THE BEATITUDES**

29 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

30 Monday: **THE SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

## **FEBRUARY**

5 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

6 Monday: **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

12 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

13 Monday: **THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH**

19 Sunday: BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

20 Monday: **ENTERING INTO LENT; EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**; prepare for the Rites and the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

22 Ash Wednesday; Lent begins

26 First Sunday of Lent: **RITE OF SENDING**, 9 a.m. Mass; BOTW; **RITE OF ELECTION AND RITE OF CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**, 2:00 p.m., BOISFEUILLET ATLANTA CIVIC CENTER

**BEGIN PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**

27 Monday: **SIN AND GRACE; THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**MARCH**

4 Second Sunday of Lent; **Presentation of the Creed**; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

5 Monday: **PURIFICATION OF HEART AND MIND**; preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Bob Frederick). *Note: Candidates are encouraged to schedule appointments with Fr. Bob or another priest for First Reconciliation after this date.*

11 Third Sunday of Lent: **First Scrutiny**; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass; **RCIA/RCIC Retreat**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

12 Monday: **TRIUMPH OVER DARKNESS**

18 Fourth Sunday of Lent: **Second Scrutiny**; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

19 Monday: **COMMUNION WITH GOD IN PRAYER; Presentation of the Our Father**

25 Fifth Sunday of Lent: **Third Scrutiny**; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass; **Vigil Pre-Rehearsal** (*RCIA/RCIC team and parish staff only*), 2:30 p.m.

26 Monday: **ENTERING INTO THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: THE MEANING OF HOLY WEEK**

**APRIL**

1 Passion / Palm Sunday; Holy Week begins; BOTW, 9:00 a.m. Mass

2 Monday: **PRAYING THE PASSION: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

5 Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.; BOTW

6 Good Friday: Veneration of the Cross

7 Holy Saturday: **Rehearsal and Reflection**, followed by **Rites of Preparation**, 9:00 a.m. to noon; Vigil of the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil), 8:30 p.m. (gather for prayer in Social Hall at 7:30 p.m.): **Sacraments of Initiation**; reception following

8 Easter Sunday (Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord)

9 Easter Monday: **DEEPER IN THE SACRAMENTS**

**BEGIN PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGY (POST-BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS)**

- 16 Monday: **DEEPER IN PRAYER**
- 23 Monday: **DEEPER IN SCRIPTURE; LECTIO DIVINA**
- 30 Monday: **VOCATION, GIFTS, AND STEWARDSHIP**

## **MAY**

- 7 Monday: **FAITH IN ACTION**
- 14 Monday: **SHARING THE FAITH**
- 21 Monday: **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND CONTINUING CONVERSION** (with potluck dinner celebration)
- 27 Sunday: Solemnity of Pentecost; neophyte testimony at each weekend Mass (also Memorial Day weekend)

## ***PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGY CONCLUDES***

*Still to be scheduled:*

**Penitential Rite for Candidates**

**RCIA service project**

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