

# St. Clement's Catholic Church

## Children's Catechumenate CALENDAR

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Monday gatherings are from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Ministry Center  
Arrival Time: 5:15 PM

All gatherings are in the Ministry Center unless otherwise indicated below

### Pre-Catechumenate Period begins

September 24	Parent Meeting <b>in Church</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please note: Children do not attend this gathering</li></ul>
October 1	Topic: The Story of Creation
October 8	Topic: The Salvation Story
October 15	Topic: Mary
October 22	No gathering for children in Ministry Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please note: Parish Mission for parents in Church 7:00 PM</li></ul>
October 29	Topic: Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give out prayers to be memorized</li><li>• Give out copy of Ten Commandments</li></ul>
November 5	Topic: Tour of the Church <b>Meet at church 5:30PM</b>
November 12	Topic: The Mass
November 19	No Gathering (Thanksgiving Break)
<b>November 25</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b> Solemnity of Christ the King Church 5:00 PM Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eucharistic Procession after 5:00 PM Mass</li></ul>
November 26	Topic: The Mass (continued)

**December 1** (Saturday) Practice for Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming-Meet in Church

- Practice is for all in the process who will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming and their parents

**December 2** (Sunday) **RITE (Combined)**  
**Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming** (in Church) 9:10 AM Arrive - 9:30 AM Mass  
Rite of Acceptance IS FOR:

- All catechumens who are ready to celebrate this rite and their parents

Rite of Welcoming IS FOR:

- All candidates who are ready to celebrate this rite and their parents

### **Catechumenate Period begins**

December 3 Topic: Season of Advent (Liturgical Calendar)

- Reflection on Rites of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming

December 10 Topic: Saints

December 17 Topic: Sacraments (overall)

December 24 No Gathering (Christmas Break)

December 31 No Gathering (New Year Break)

January 7 Topic: Sacrament of Baptism

January 14 Topic: Ten Commandments

January 21 Topic: Sacrament of Reconciliation

January 28 Topic: Sacrament of Confirmation

February 4 Topic: Liturgical Calendar and Season of Lent

**February 10 (Sunday) RITE**  
**Rite of Sending** (St. Peter Church) 9:10 AM arrive  
9:30 AM Mass

February 11 No Gathering

**February 12 (Tuesday) RITE (Combined)**  
**Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion**  
6:45PM arrive **Rite Begins 7:30 PM** Place: Cathedral of St. Louis

Rite of Election IS FOR: (Elect, Parents and Godparents if previously approved)

Call to Continuing Conversion IS FOR: (Candidates ready to receive sacraments & their parents)

## Purification and Enlightenment Period begins

**February 17 (Sunday) RITE Penitential Rite** (in Church)

- for those ready to receive sacraments on March 30 & their parents

9:10 AM arrive  
9:30 AM Mass

February 18 Topic: The Season of Lent (continued – include Scrutinies)

**February 24 RITE**

**First Scrutiny** (in Church) 9:10 AM arrive

- For elect, their parents & godparents  
9:30 AM Mass

February 25                                    Topic: The Creed

**February 29                                   (Friday)                                   RITE**  
**Presentation of the Creed** (in Church) 6:50 PM arrive  
For elect, their parents & godparents

**March 2                                       (Sunday)                                   RITE**  
**Second Scrutiny** (in Church) 9:10 AM arrive  
For elect, parents & godparents (if approved) 9:30 AM Mass

March 3                                        Review: How to properly receive the Eucharist  
Review: How to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**March 9                                       (Sunday)                                   RITE**  
**Third Scrutiny** (in Church) 9:10 AM arrive  
For elect, their parents & godparents 9:30 AM Mass

March 10                                       (Wednesday)   Topic: Holy Week

**March 14                                       (Friday)                                   RITE**  
**Presentation of the Lord's Prayer**            6:50 PM arrive  
  
For elect, parents & godparents

**March 16                                       (Sunday) Passion (Palm) Sunday – HOLY WEEK Begins**  
9:10 AM arrive  
9:30 AM Mass

- The children in the Children's Catechumenate will walk in opening procession
- Parents do not walk in procession and do not have reserved seating. Please sit anywhere in the Church

March 17                                        Topics for Review:  
  
How to properly receive the Eucharist  
How to participate in and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

***PLEASE NOTE:       March 17 is Last Gathering in Ministry Center for First Year Students***

- March 19** (Wednesday) **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**RCIA (Adults & Children) Penance Service** in Church) 6:15 PM arrive
- For Candidates (not Catechumens) to receive sacraments on March 30
  - All parents attend to support their children receiving for the first time (Parents are asked to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service)
- March 20** (Thursday) **HOLY THURSDAY**  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper (in Church) 7:00 PM  
 (No sending forth for Breaking Open the Word for the Elect)
- March 21** (Friday) **GOOD FRIDAY**  
 In Church (Service of the Passion - No Mass) 3:00 PM  
 (No sending forth for Breaking Open the Word for the Elect)
- March 22** (Sat) **RITE**  
 Preparation Rite (St. Mary's Hall) 8:15 AM arrive
- for elect, their parents and godparents (if available)
- Preparation Rite includes: RCIA #185-204
- "Return" of the Creed
  - Ephphetha Rite
  - Choosing of a Baptismal Name
- March 24** (Mon) **Practice in Church** 5:30 PM in Church  
 (for all Children's Catechumenate participants who will receive sacraments on Sunday, March 30)
- March 30** (Sunday) **RITES**  
 Rite of Christian Initiation (Church) for Children Arrive: 6:00PM  
 6:30 PM Mass

### Period of Mystagogy and the Neophyte Year

The dates and topics for the Children's Catechumenate Monday sessions during the Period of Mystagogy (Easter – to the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 20) will be published at a later time, as well as the May date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those baptized on March 30. The term *neophyte* applies to all new Catholics for a full year following their initiation. The neophyte year ends at the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the person's initiation into the Catholic Church.