

I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Mark 10: 15



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) Adapted for Children

The 4 Phases in the R.C.I.A for Children are:

· *Inquiry Phase*

Children ask questions about the Catholic faith, at the same time forming relationships with one another and the catechists.

· *Catechumenate Phase*

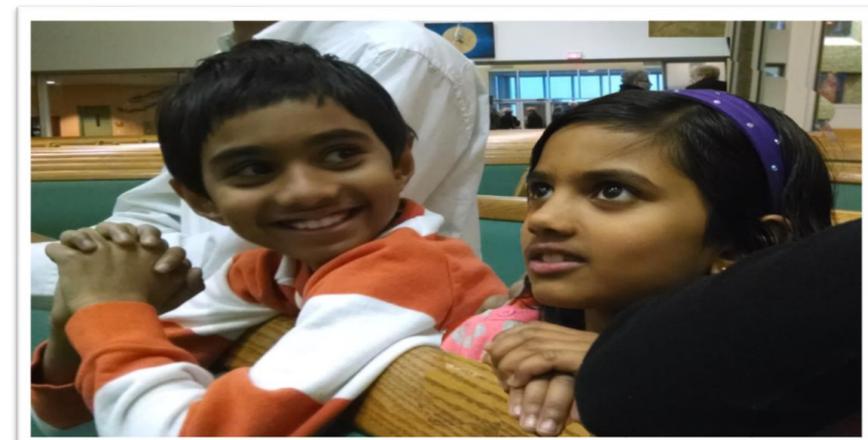
Children study and reflect on the Catholic faith.

· *Purification & Enlightenment Phase*

Children continue to prepare themselves for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil.

· *Mystagogia Phase*

Children reflect on the experience of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion by learning how to make this a part of their daily lives and grow in faith.



When is R.C.I.A.?

October 4, 2018 to May 30, 2019

Thursday evening classes including
Adoration, Rites, celebrations & events.

Did You Know?

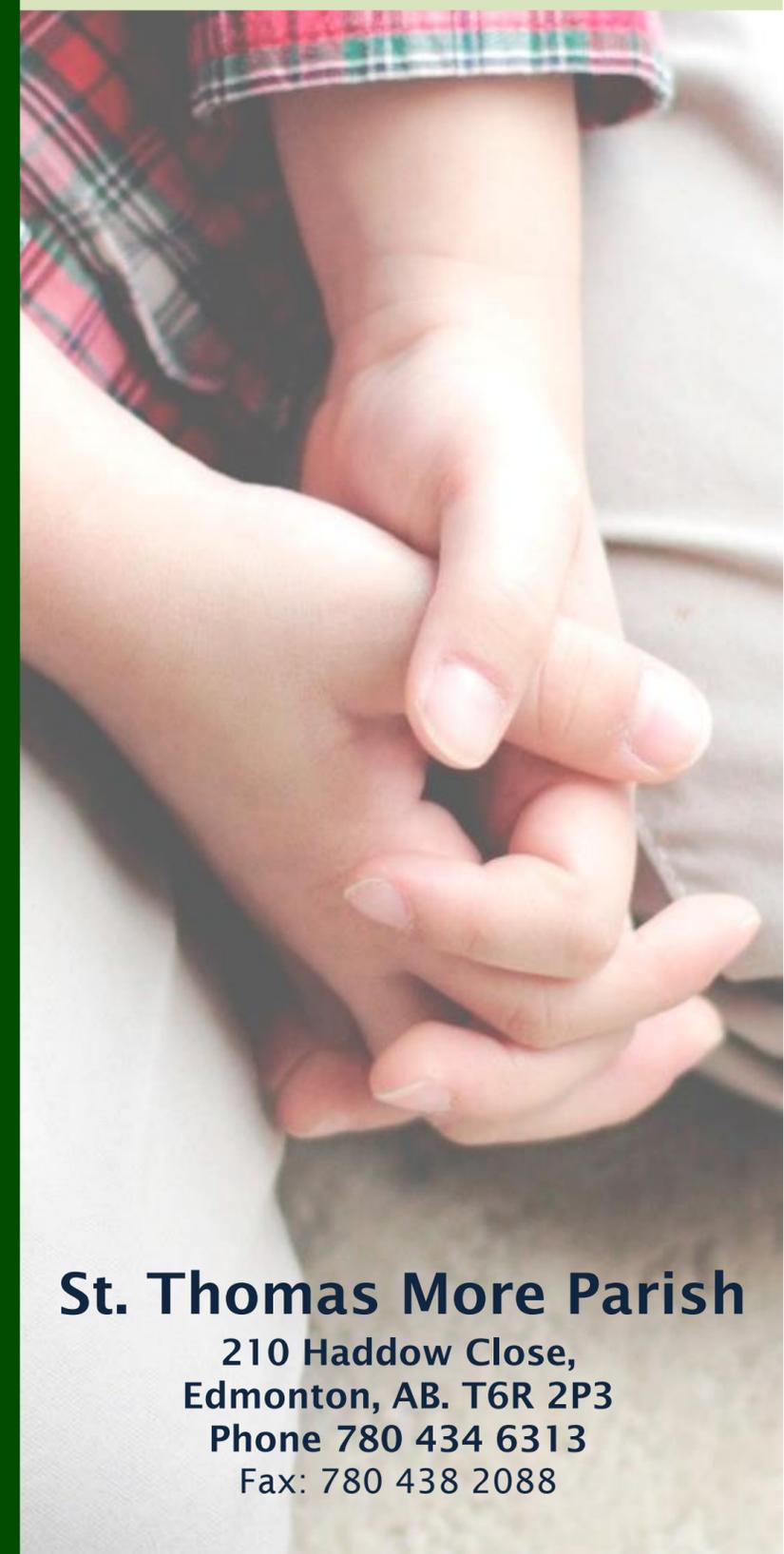
- That the success of the child's faith formation relies on the parents, as they play a central role in their faith formation and development!

-The entire community at St. Thomas More supports the children in prayer and participates with them at special liturgies incorporated into the Sunday celebrations!

-Through the Sacraments of Initiation, children become part of the Body of Christ sharing in the death, resurrection and glorification of Jesus Christ. Sharing in His mission, the children become disciples of Jesus Christ, continuing his work of furthering the Reign of God.

How do I register?

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“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

What is Rite of Christian Initiation?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) **adapted for Children** is a “Journey of Faith” for children 8 – 15 years of age who are inquiring and seeking initiation into the Catholic Church.

This is for children who:

- Have not been baptized and wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.
- Were baptized as members of another Christian community and wish to be initiated into the Catholic Church.

An interview will take place with the Family Coordinator and parent(s) to determine how and when the child would complete the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion.



R.C.I.A. for Children follows the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a process that offers those wanting to become members of the church, the opportunity to learn more about the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church, at the same time deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ.



What do I need to prepare before RCIA begins?

- provide a copy of the **child’s birth certificate**
- provide a copy of the Catholic **parent’s baptism certificate** (unless one or both of the parent’s are journeying in the Adult RCIA also)
- **Find a sponsor** (male or female) who will journey with the child throughout the R.C.I.A. and participate in the child’s Catholic faith & education throughout their life.

Choosing a sponsor (godparent):

- Must be 16 years of or older
- Have received the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Communion & Confirmation.
- The sponsor is a Catholic Christian role model and for this reason, must be living the life of faith within the Roman Catholic Church teachings.
- attends mass regularly.
- supports the parent(s) in raising the child in the Catholic faith.
- Will be a companion to the child by participating in all R.C.I.A. Rites, celebrations and events.

If you are not able to find a sponsor, we will assist you in finding a member of our Catholic faith community

