

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Scrutinies

The word scrutiny has several meanings however; for the purposes of conversion, it means careful examination or inquiry. It is a period in which our catechumens and candidates go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

Consider having them read the following scripture passages:

-John 4:5-42 The Samaritan Woman.

-John 9:1-41 The Man Born Blind.

-John 11:1-45 Raising of Laarus



PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. (RCIA, 139).

Scrutinies

In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated.

Christ is the Living Water

We find in the story of the Samaritan Woman that Christ waits for her at Jacob's well. He seeks each and every one of us to fill us with life, to wash us clean and draw us closer to himself.

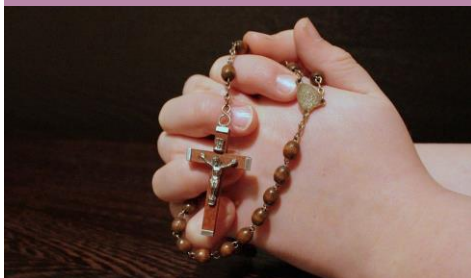
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote that "Jesus spoke of a "living water" able to quench thirst completely and become "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" in her; furthermore, he showed her that he knew about her personal life; he revealed that the hour had come to worship the one true God in spirit and in truth; and in the end he confided to her — something incredibly rare — that he was the Messiah. All of this happened, beginning from the real and sensible experience of thirst."

Take a moment to examine what you have been thirsting for and how you have been filling that thirst?

Christ the Light of the World

In the biblical account of the man born blind, we find Jesus passing by a man born blind. Again, he approaches our broken humanity to make us

whole again. Jesus seeks out the marginalized and the lost to offer them a new life in Him. He offers the blind man the gift of sight so that he may have a new perspective on life. Is this not what Christ offers each one of us?



"Pray, Hope and don't worry" ~Padre Pio

Christ came that you might have life and have it more abundantly. (Jn 10:10)



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Christ the Resurrection and the Life

From time immemorial God has promised, "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." But this will not happen before Jesus weeps. He weeps in front of doubt: "You want to go back there?" He weeps in front of the nihilism: "Could he not have done something?" He weeps in front of fatalism: "Lord, by now there will be a stench." This is the optimum moment for God to have Lazarus rise from his grave, for then the event will teach us just how far we must go in trusting the power of Jesus' love for us. Although "dead because of sin, the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."

~Magnificat Publications

SELECTED RESOURCES

- **Bible-Catholic Study App** (Ignatius Press and Augustine Institute): there are some free resources and others that are as low as \$1.99.
- **GO TO MEETING** could be used to gather people remotely. Explore their site online.
- **Magnificat Publications** is now offering **complimentary access** to iOS and Android throughout **May**. To register for **free access in English**, visit www.magnificat.com/free. For **free access in Spanish**, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis. Also, **complimentary access to MagnifiKid**. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of our colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 to 12.
- **Association for Catechetical Ministry**: has resources and Q & A online along with excellent articles on the RCIA process by going to their blog <https://acmrcia.org/blog>.
- **Team RCIA**: has resources for the RCIA by going to their webpage <https://teamrcia.com/>.

These are just a few resources that we are providing. More information will be sent later.

We are here for you so please do not hesitate to contact Joann Roa at 718-965-7300, ext. 2440 or jroa@diobrook.org

We remain united in prayer.