

**St. Mary Magdalene**

**A Community of Disciples**

**Committed to**

**Life Long Faith Formation**

**Returning, Resuming,**

**Remembering, Restarting**



*EVER FEEL LIKE A DEER IN HEADLIGHTS?*



**BEEN AWAY FROM CHURCH FOR AWHILE?**

*(YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE)*

WERE YOU RAISED CATHOLIC,  
TOOK A CATHOLIC VACATION... AND ...  
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN WHO ARE ASKING YOU ABOUT  
BAPTISM and COMMUNION?  
MAYBE YOU'RE NOT QUITE SURE HOW  
TO ANSWER THEIR FAITH QUESTIONS  
OR HOW TO HELP THEM  
BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE CHURCH?

**Families Growing in Faith**

**BEGINNING JANUARY 23, 2011**

**1:15PM -2:15PM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.**

**MOMS, DADS ,AUNTS,UNCLES GRANDMA, GRANDPA,  
AND OF COURSE....THE KIDS!**

A gathering of families coming together  
begin or continue the journey home.

Contact Kathy Kelly Huey 770.253.5668 for more information.

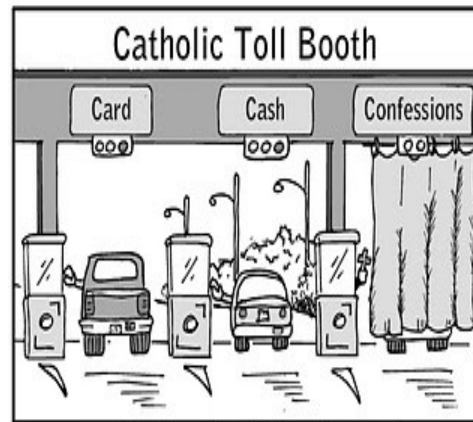
**CATHOLICISM FOR DUMMIES**

**OR**

**YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT  
YOU DON'T KNOW**

**OR**

**REMEMBERING WHAT WE  
FORGOT**



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**WHAT EVER THE REASON  
THIS FACED PACED FUN REVIEW  
IS A DOWN TO EARTH LOOK AT THE FAITH  
WITH HEAVENLY CONSEQUENCES  
GATHERING SUNDAYS BETWEEN MASSES  
IN THE SOCIAL HALL FROM 10:30 a.m. -11:15  
a.m. GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND JOIN US**

Not all of us attended Blessed Sacrament Grade School or the Catholic University of America. These casual conversations offer common-sense explanation about what Catholics believe and do.

Joking aside we are not dummies, but seekers. Bring all your questions and let's look at the truths and myths of what we think we know.

**You may wish to have the  
book called  
"Catholicism for Dummies"**

**By Rev John Trigilio.**

**Though not necessary you  
may find it helpful to have  
the book.**

**Order books online or from  
a local bookstore**

**(used books are pretty  
inexpensive).**

## **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Adults age 19 and older

Formation sessions January 9 – February 20

Sunday 10:15am – 11:45am

Sacrament will be celebrated March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Week 1 – Gods call and our response, revelation Scripture, Tradition and the magisterium, general familiarity with and ability to use the bible and catechism as well as an understanding of the Creed. focus on the 12 Articles of the Creed, Triune God, Incarnation Pascal Mystery, Pentecost and Church.

Week 2 – Structure and content of the Mass, overview of Sacraments, ability to and their place in the stages of Christian life.

Week 3 – Review and Update on Catholic morality and a mature examination of the Sacrament of Penance

Week 4 – Continuation of discussion on Catholic morality and the material from previous session

Week 5 – Prayer and Spirituality

Week 6 – Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, which flow from Baptism and Confirmation.

Week 7 – Open for discussion of points of interest or concern in preparation for the Celebration of Confirmation

Information and registration forms online at [www.smmcatholic.org](http://www.smmcatholic.org). under the education for adults link. Forward completed forms to [kkhuey@smmcatholic.org](mailto:kkhuey@smmcatholic.org). Please contact your church of baptism as we need a new form from them—this is mandatory.



Rite of  
Christian Initiation  
of Adults  
RCIA

The Journey of Conversion. The Journey of Christians.

The Journey of Faith. The Journey to Christ.

This is the Rite by which we  
welcome and walk  
with persons age seven or older  
who are considering reception into the Catholic Faith.

The RCIA gathers year round for prayer, reflection and study.  
The RCIA is not a class but a process  
of discovering Jesus through our Catholic Faith.  
More importantly it is a process of responding to  
God's call of love to you.

How do you begin? Come... See... 770-253-5668.  
Inquiry sessions meet all year on the third Thursday of each month.  
Please contact Kathy Kelly Huey, DRE, for more information.  
We look forward to meeting you!

Please keep us in your prayers as we  
continue the journey to the table!

**MINISTRY OF SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsors, members of our faith community, journey with the RCIA as they explore the Catholic faith. The role of the sponsor is to introduce the person to the Catholic way of life. As they learn what it means to be Catholic and discover the rich tradition of our Church, they awaken to a new way of living life. Your role is to be a companion; your task is to walk with them, guiding them through the process of the Church toward full initiation. People who serve as sponsors have discovered this ministry to be a very powerful experience of faith and of the Church as community.

Ongoing training is provided for sponsors.  
Contact Iris Peychaud 770-251-7818 for more information

**THE JOURNEY HOME  
RETURNING ADULT  
CATHOLICS**



**I Used to be Catholic.**

**There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or quite some time, but somehow you now feel a tug at your heart calling you back home to the Catholic Church. That's why we're here. Whether or not you are sure you are being called back, we're here to help you take that second look.**

**That mysterious pull inside you, driving you to look into your faith once more, comes directly from God. Your Heavenly Father is yearning for a relationship with you again, in the Church founded by Jesus 2000 years ago. He's waiting for you with open arms.**

**Whether you are mad, sad, happy or glad, whatever the reason and whatever your feelings, please know that you are not alone in your thoughts.**

**Sessions begin meeting January 11, 2011.**

**Contact Barbara Stevens 678-854-9984**

## FACT or FICTION?

Before 321 AD Christians could not be in the army.

After 321 AD you could not be in the army  
unless you were Christian.

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## CHURCH HISTORY 101

Exploring some of the major movements  
and transitions of the Catholic Church.

It's not exactly a straight line.

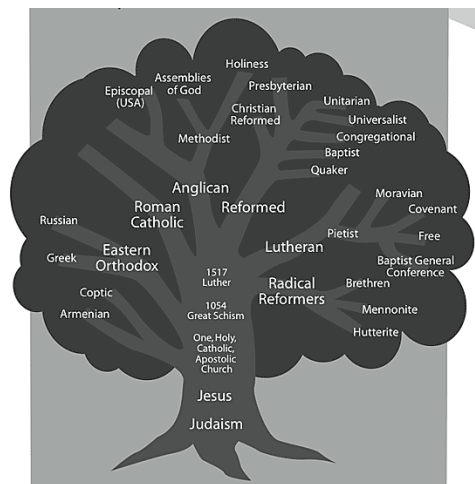
Not your regular ho hum history lecture,

Led by Susan Baker this series will bring to life how  
we began and continue

becoming the Church.

Thursday evenings 7pm—8:30pm

January 20—February 24



## **Additional Opportunities for Community, Prayer and Fellowship**

**Family Rosary Community** Families gathering the second Friday of each month for a pot luck dinner, fellowship and prayer. A great way to grow in the communal and prayer life our St. Mary Magdalene. Contact Laura Weikel at [lauraweikle@bellsouth.net](mailto:lauraweikle@bellsouth.net) 770-366-1123 for information and directions. Never prayed the rosary? Neither had some of us!

**Women in Prayer and Fellowship** Gathering Wednesday mornings 10a.m.—11am. Focusing on prayer, fellowship and growth in our faith. We come together to share the story of God in the midst of our lives. As women of prayer we will pray for our church, our families, ourselves and each other. Our mothers, sisters and daughters may be elsewhere, but in our parish family we draw on the wisdom of the mothers, sisters and daughters here who come together to share. Whether new to the parish, still finding your way, or founding mother - come join us. Children are welcome as part of our time together. Contact Stacey Blalock [dcblalock@live.com](mailto:dcblalock@live.com).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated every Saturday evening 4p.m.—4:30p.m. or by appointment. If it has been awhile, and you are not quite sure what to do, please call the main office 770-353-1888 to setup a time to speak with Fr. Dan.

**Small Faith Communities** This winter we are studying the book by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser called *Longing for the Holy*. Small faith communities gather weekly on various days of the week, for seven weeks during Advent and Lent focusing on aspects of our faith. Contact Marie Donnelly at [nanad1148@aol.com](mailto:nanad1148@aol.com) or 770-304-9606.