

# YOUTH BAPTISM PREPARATION 2024-2025

For youth in Grade 6 and up wanting to be baptized and be received into the Catholic Church .



RCIA is the process used by the Catholic Church to present the beliefs of this faith to those people in Grade 6 and older who have made a conscious decision to explore coming into full communion with the Church. This is a time of discernment, conversion and growing in faith. As such, it takes place over the course of the year, beginning in the Fall and continuing through the Easter Season. Please see dates and times below. This is the process we use to prepare young people who wish to be baptized.

**PLEASE NOTE:** this process leads to the reception of all three Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** – This year we are transitioning to online registration.

Registration will be taken via an online registration form on the website.

( <https://www.stlukeschurch.ca/youth-baptism.html> ) You will be asked to a copy of your child's birth certificate.

You will also be asked to etransfer a fee of \$50 dollars to cover the cost of the materials required for the sessions. The email address to send this etransfer to is [Barbara.banham@stlukeschurch.ca](mailto:Barbara.banham@stlukeschurch.ca) .

If you have any questions, please contact Dawna Richardson at [sacraments@stlukeschurch.ca](mailto:sacraments@stlukeschurch.ca)

Please note that the preparation sessions will be taking place on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:00 pm .

**REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 15**

## Schedule:

Information night: Thursday October 22 at 6:00 pm

Weekly meetings Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm starting October 22 in the Youth Room (unless otherwise noted)

October 29

November 5

November 12

November 19

November 26

December 1 (Sunday)

12:30 pm mass

Rite of Acceptance

December 10

February 4

January 7

February 11

January 21

February 18

January 28

February 25

March 9 (Sunday)

Time TBD

Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral

March 11

March 18

Sunday March 23

Time TBD

1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny followed by catechesis

Sunday March 30

Time TBD

2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny followed by catechesis

Sunday April 6

Time TBD

3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny followed by catechesis

Sunday April 13

12:30 pm mass

Followed by retreat 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Saturday April 19

Easter Vigil (Time TBD)

Reception of Sacraments

April 29

May 13

Final Session and Wind up celebration

