RCIA and the Scrutinies

RCIA TEAM
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish
Anthem, Arizona
Overview of Items Covered

1. Journey Steps Review
2. Purification and Enlightenment and the Scrutinies
3. Dates of our RCIA Scrutinies
4. First Scrutiny
   1. Read
   2. Examine
   3. Apply to Our Lives
5. The Rest of Our Schedule
The Steps of the Journey

- Period of Evangelization (Inquiry) and Precatechumenate
- First Step: Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
- Period of the Catechumenate
- Second Step: Rite of Election
- Period of Purification and Enlightenment
  - Scrutinies are an important part of this phase
- Third Step: Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
- Period of Mystagogy
“This is the time immediately preceding the elects' initiation, usually the Lenten season preceding the celebration of this initiation at the Easter Vigil; it is a time of reflection, intensely centered on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.”
The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.”
The Three Scrutinies and 2015 Dates

• First Scrutiny – The Woman at the Well
  – To be studied today, March 7 (retreat)

• Second Scrutiny – The Man Born Blind
  – To be studied at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 12

• Third Scrutiny – The Raising of Lazarus
  – To be studied at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 19
The Woman At The Well
Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.....
Scrutinize

• The Woman at the Well
  The Third Sunday of Lent - The First Scrutiny - John 4:3-42

• Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day?
  Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well?
  **What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others?**
  **What are the noon day wells of my life?**
  **Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there?**

• Jesus tries to reveal his thirst to her - perhaps his thirst for intimacy with her - but she puts him off. She's not worthy. It won't work. When he offers to satisfy her thirst, she puts him off. He can't satisfy what she needs, at least with this well, and without a bucket.

Source: http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/gospels-3-4-5.html
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• How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers? I don't have time; I haven't done this before; my stuff's too complicated; I don't know how to find you in this mess.

• When he shows her that he knows her, she knows she's in the presence of someone special - perhaps the one she has thirsted for all her life.
  – Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me? Can I find the words to say he is the one I have thirsted for all my life?

• The grace will come when I see that I have been at the well a long time and have long been thirsty. When I can name the new thirst, the Water that now satisfies that thirst, I can overcome my remaining resistance to trust. When I see that Jesus reveals himself to me by revealing me to me, thereby showing me my need for him as Savior, I will rejoice and tell the whole world, too.

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| March 8, 2015       | Third Sunday of Lent                                                            |                     |                                 | TEAM LEADER: Danielle Rosenmeyer  
ASSIST: Mary Gilstrap  
No extended period after Breaking Open the Word |
| March 12, 2014      | Thursday, March 12, 2014 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.                                      |                     |                                 | Second Scrutiny; How to Receive Eucharist (video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdGkTdv4Dt4)  
TEAM LEADER: Deacon John, Greg  
Church Office |
| March 15, 2015      | Fourth Sunday of Lent                                                           |                     |                                 | TEAM LEADER: Dave Golle  
ASSIST: Greg Gilstrap  
No extended period after Breaking Open the Word |
| March 19, 2015      | Thursday, March 19 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.                                            |                     |                                 | Third Scrutiny  
TEAM LEADER: Deacon John or Sally  
Church or office |
| March 22, 2015      | Passion Sunday                                                                   |                     |                                 | TEAM LEADER: Barb Barchi  
ASSIST: Jennifer Meyer  
(Housekeeping: Mystagogia schedule)  
No extended period after Breaking Open the Word |
| March 29, 2014      | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion                                                |                     |                                 | TEAM LEADER: Don Reudinger  
ASSIST: Danielle Rosenmeyer  
(Housekeeping: Greg or Mary to talk briefly about the schedule for the day of the Easter Vigil)  
No extended period after Breaking Open the Word |
| April 5, 2014       | SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m. Meet at Church in the Morning for Easter Vigil Specifics |                     |                                 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Rehearsal/walk through |
| April 5, 2015       | SATURDAY Easter Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Catechumens and Candidate to Receive Sacraments |                     |                                 | Catechumens, Candidates, Sponsors, Sally, and specific TEAM members to meet in Church Office at 6 p.m.  
Special Reception to Follow Vigil Mass (Sally to coordinate with women of St. Rose) |

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| Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:30 p.m. | Mystagogia Session 1 | Gilstrap's House  
40269 N. Exploration Trail  
Anthem, AZ 85086 |
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| Thursday, April 23, 2015 6:30 p.m. | Mystagogia Session 2 | Gilstrap's House  
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| Thursday, April 30, 2015 6:30 p.m. | Mystagogia Session 3 | Gilstrap's House |

**More For Your Calendars:**

**Ash Wednesday Mass:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday Morning Retreat:** Good Shepherd Mission, March 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Thursday:** April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:** April 3 at 7:00 p.m.
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