



Archdiocese of Cape Town



Centre for Pastoral Development



CATECHETICAL CALENDAR 2024

Year B – The Year of Mark

**Training, Formation, Meetings, Special Events
and Celebration**

INTRODUCTION

To: All Parish Priests, Deacons, Co-ordinators and Catechists

We are happy to present the Catechetical Calendar for 2024.

The Two aspects of Training and Formation:

Training and Formation focuses on two aspects:

1. Training of New Catechists:

The training of New Catechists is vital for the success of the ministry of catechesis in the Parish. For this we offer the Catechetical Formation Programme, an initial, 8 Session Training Programme for all catechists starting out on their Catechetical Journey and those needing to upgrade their formation.

2. On-Going formation of Catechists:

We invite catechists to deepen their appreciation of themselves as disciples of the Lord who, in the name of the Church are commissioned to “go make disciples” of those whom they catechize, by availing themselves of the numerous opportunities provided for growth and development in the Ministry of Catechesis.

Major Areas of Training and Formation in 2024:

1. Catechetical Formation Programme (CFP):

This is an initial training Programme for all new Catechists and those wishing to upgrade or renew their formation.

For further information, please contact:

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2. Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA):

There are two offerings this year:

- **RCIA Forum Meetings:** These are gatherings that reflect on the issues relating to the RCIA Process in the Parish.
- **RCIA Formation Meetings:** This year the RCIA Team will focus on the RCIA Journey and the Rites that mark key moments on this journey.

For further information, please contact:

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3. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS):

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a method of catechesis for children ages 3 - 12 based on the conviction that God and the children are in relationship with one another. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd uses a Montessori based approach (meaning hands-on materials) and a prepared atrium environment to assist young children in discovering their relationship with God.

Also available in 2024, as part of a pilot study, is the *I Am the Good Shepherd Book Series Year 1* for children ages 6 – 7 where an atrium may not be possible. These journals allow the children of this age to grow in their love and knowledge of God. Adult preparation is required for serving children in the atrium, or serving children using the child's hands-on journal with the guidance of the catechist guidebook.

For further information, please contact:

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4. Special Religious Development (SPRED):

This form of Catechesis creates opportunities for persons, young and old with special learning needs to participate in the faith and liturgical life of the Parish Community.

For further information, please contact:

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5. Co-ordinators' Gatherings:

These are opportunities for Parish Catechetical Co-ordinators to come together to be formed and informed about the Ministry of Catechesis in the Archdiocese. It is important for each parish to have a representative at these meetings.

For further information, please contact:

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6. Retreats:

These are moments for prayer, reflection and worship, enabling catechists to grow in their own prayer life and spirituality.

There are two main Retreats in the Year:

- The Lenten Retreat for all in Ministry
- The Advent Retreat for all in Ministry

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7. Archdiocesan Liturgical Events:

Some of the main liturgical events and celebrations in the Archdiocese are:

- Commissioning Sunday
- Rite of Election for Catechumens on the RCIA Journey
- The Mass of the Neophytes for the newly initiated on the RCIA Journey

- The Holy Childhood Mass for children in Faith Levels 5 – 7
- For further information, please contact:
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PLEASE NOTE:

Each parish should have a copy of each of the following, and ensure that their Catechists are familiar with the contents of these resources:

- The Archdiocesan Policy for Catechesis
- The Child Protection Policy
- The Directory for Catechesis

**CATECHETICAL CALENDAR
DATES, CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS - 2024**

JANUARY:

6 Saturday

7 Sunday – Epiphany

13 Saturday

14 Sunday: 2nd Sunday OT

**20 Saturday: SPRED – Retreat
09.30 – 15.30**

21 Sunday: 3rd Sunday OT

**27 Saturday: Catechetical Co-ordinators' Meeting
09.30 – 12.30**

28 Sunday: 4th Sunday OT: Catechetical Commissioning Sunday

FEBRUARY:

**3 Saturday: CGS: Book Series – Year 1
Session 1, 09.30 – 12.30**

**4 Sunday: 5th Sunday OT: “Flight into Egypt” Patronal Feast of
the Archdiocese**

**10 Saturday: CFP: Session 1
09.30 – 12.30**

11 Sunday: 6th Sunday OT

14 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

16 Friday: Rite of Election – 19.00

**17 Saturday: Parish Alive
CGS Atrium: Level 1, Part 1
08.30 – 16.30**

18 Sunday – 1st Sunday, Lent

24 Saturday Lenten Ministries Retreat

25 Sunday – 2nd Sunday, Lent

MARCH:

**2 Saturday: SPRED Training 1: Session 1
09.30 – 12.30**

RCIA Forum 1: Initiation and the Rite

09.30 – 12.30

CGS: Book Series – Year 1

Session 2, 09.30 – 12.30

Peninsula Deanery Meeting

3 Sunday: 3rd Sunday, Lent

9 Saturday: CFP: Session 2

09.30 – 12.30

10 Sunday: 4th Sunday, Lent

16 Saturday: SPRED: Training 1: Session 2

09.30 – 12.30

CGS – Atrium: Level 1, Part 1

08.30 – 16.30

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

17 Sunday: 5th Sunday, Lent

23 Saturday:

24 Sunday – Palm Sunday

29 Friday – Good Friday

30 Saturday – Holy Saturday

31 Sunday – Easter Sunday

APRIL:

- 6 Saturday: CGS: Book Series – Year 1
Session 3 09.30 – 12.30
SPRED: Training 1 - Session 3
09.30 - 12.30**
- 7 Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter**
- 12 Friday: Mass of the Neophytes**
- 13 Saturday:**
- 14 Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter**
- 20 Saturday: CFP: Session 3
09.30 – 12.30
SPRED: Training 1 - Session 4
09.30 – 12.30
CGS – Atrium: Level 1, Part 1
08.30 – 16.30**
- 21 Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter**
- 27 Saturday: Public Holiday – Freedom Day**
- 28 Sunday : 5th Sunday of Easter**

MAY:

- 4 Saturday:** **CGS: Book Series – Year 1**
Session 4, 09.30 – 12.30
SPRED: Training 1 - Session 5
09.30 – 12.30
- 5 Sunday - 6th Sunday of Easter** **CGS: Atrium - Start of Level II, Part 1, with Marty O'Brien**
7 Day Course
08.30 – 16.30
- 11 Saturday:** **CFP: Session 4**
09.30 – 12.30
CGS: Completion of course – Atrium Level II – Part 1
With Marty Obrien
08.30 – 16.30
- 12 Sunday – The Ascension**
- 18 Saturday** **CGS: Atrium - Level 1, Part 1**
08.30 – 16.30
SPRED: Training 1 - Session 6
09.30 – 12.30
- 19 Sunday: Pentecost**
- 25 Saturday:** **RCIA: Practical Session 1**
09.30 – 12.30
- 26 Sunday: Holy Trinity**

JUNE:

1 Saturday:

2 Sunday – Corpus Christi Adoration and Benediction

8 Saturday RCIA: Forum 2 - Discernment and
and the Mystagogia
09.30 – 12.30

9 Sunday - 10th Sunday of the Year, OT

15 Saturday

16 Sunday - 11th Sunday of the Year, OT

17 Monday – Youth Day ADCT - Youth Day Event

22 Saturday: CFP: Session 5
09.30 12.30

23 12TH Sunday of the Year

29 Saturday: Peninsula Deanery Meeting

30 Sunday - 13th Sunday of the Year

JULY:

- 6 Saturday:** CGS: Book Series – Year 1,
Session 5 09.30 – 12.30
SPRED Enrichment Morning
09.30 – 12.30
- 7 Sunday: 14th Sunday of the Year**
- 13 Saturday:** SPRED Training 2: Session 1
09.30 – 12.30
RCIA: Practical – Session 2
09.30 – 12.30
- 14 Sunday: 15th Sunday of the Year**
- 20 Saturday:** CGS – Atrium: Level 1, Part 2
08.30 – 16.30
- 21 Sunday: 16th Sunday of the Year**
- 27 Saturday:** SPRED: Training 2 - Session 2
09.30 – 12.30
- 28 Sunday: 17th Sunday of the Year**

AUGUST

- 3 Saturday:** Catechetical Festival
- 4 Sunday: 18th Sunday of the Year**

- 10 Saturday:** CFP: Session 6
09.30 – 12.30
SPRED Training 2: Session 3
09.30 – 12.30
- 11 Sunday: 19th Sunday of the Year**
- 17 Saturday:** CGS: Atrium - Level 1, Part 2
08.30 – 16.30
- 18 Sunday – The Assumption of Our Lady**
- 24 Saturday:** SPRED: Training 2 - Session 4
09.30 – 12.30
- 25 Sunday: 21st Sunday of the Year**
- 31 Saturday:** CGS: Book Series – Year 1
Session 6, 09.30 – 12.30

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sunday: 22nd Sunday of the Year**
- 7 Saturday:** “Care of Creation” Morning
SPRED Training 2: Session 5
09.30 – 12.30
- 8 Sunday: 23rd Sunday of the Year**
- 14 Saturday:** CFP Session 7
09.30 – 12.30

15 Sunday: 24th Sunday of the Year

21 Saturday: SPRED: Training 2 - Session 6
09.30 – 12.30
CGS: Atrium - Level 1, Part 2
08.30 – 16.30

22 Sunday: 25th Sunday of the Year

28 Saturday: RCIA: Forum 3 – Spirituality
09.30 - 12.30

29 26th Sunday of the Year

OCTOBER:

5 Saturday: Holy Childhood Mass
CGS: Book Series – Year 1
Session 7, 09.30 – 12.30

6 Sunday: 27th Sunday of the Year

12 Saturday: CFP: Session 8
09.30 – 12.30

13 Sunday: 28th Sunday of the Year

19 Saturday: CGS – Atrium: Level 1, Part 2
08.30 – 16.30
RCIA: Practical - Session 3
09.30 – 12.30

20 Sunday: 29th Sunday of the Year

26 Saturday: Spred: Mass of Thanksgiving

27 Sunday: 30th Sunday of the Year

NOVEMBER:

2 Saturday: All Souls

3 Sunday: All Saints

9 Saturday: SPRED: Evaluation Day

10 Sunday: 32nd Sunday of the Year

**16 Saturday: CGS – Atrium: Level 1, Part 2
08.30 – 16.30**

17 Sunday: 33rd Sunday of the Year

23 Saturday:

24 Sunday: Christ the King

30 Saturday:

DECEMBER:

1 Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

7 Saturday: Advent Ministries Retreat

8 Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

14 Saturday:

15 Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

21 Saturday:

22 Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

25 Wednesday: Christmas

28 Saturday:

29 Sunday: Holy Family