## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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"The Stairs of Time:" The result of the *Gregorian calendar* (Pope Gregory  $13^{th}$ , AD 1582) was that it split time into two periods: "BC and AD" time.

"Before Christ"	"Anno Dom	<b>nini"</b> "In the year of our Lord"
5000 <b>BC</b>		<b>AD</b> 2050
		AD 2000
4000 BC		
		AD 1500
3000 BC		
		AD 1000
2000 BC		
		AD 500
1000 BC		
		AD 100
500 BC		
		AD 50
100 BC	2	
circa 6 BC – The Birth o	of Jesus Chri	ist
	1 BC	<b>AD</b> 1

Remember, calendars are mathematical and astronomical constructions that humanity has created throughout our recorded history in order to organize and provide structure for their lives, cultures, or civilizations. Our calendar was created at a time in history (1582) in which international trade and competition for the souls of men was exploding in Europe and beyond. The world currently uses Pope Gregory's calendar even though many people are unaware of its original intent (which was spiritual and liturgical).