

2026-2027 Schedule for Christian Initiation (OCIA) for Adults

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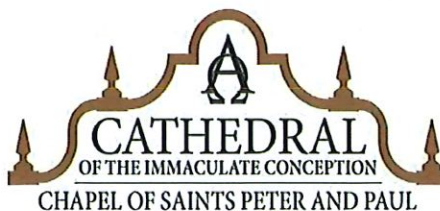
Catechuminate

Sept 3	Lesson 1	What Do You Seek?
Sept 10	Lesson 2	How Can We Know God Exists?
Sept 17	Lesson 3	God Reveals Himself to Us.
Sept 24	Lesson 4	The Holy Trinity: God Is Love In Relationship.
Oct 1	Lesson 5	If God is Good, Why This Mess?
Oct 8	Lesson 6	Salvation History: God's Promise to Free Us.
Oct 15	Lesson 7	Jesus Christ: God Becomes Man
Oct 22	Lesson 8	The Paschal Mystery: Jesus Delivers Us From Evil.
Oct 29	Lesson 9	The Holy Spirit: God Dwells in Us.
Nov 5	Lesson 10	Christian Prayer: God Invites Us into Relationship.
Nov 12	NO CLASS	St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Sale—NO CLASS
Nov 19	Lesson 11	The Old Law and the New : Learning Freedom
Nov 26	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving NO CLASS
Dec 3	Lesson 12	The Church: Gods Family
Dec 10	Lesson 13	The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints: Our Extended Family
Dec 17	NO CLASS	POSADAS
Dec 24	NO CLASS	Christmas Break
Dec 31	NO CLASS	NEW YEARS BREAK
Jan 7	Lesson 14	The Last Things: God Will Set All Things Straight
Jan 14	Lesson 15	The Liturgy & Sacraments: Christ With Us.
Jan 21	Lesson 16	The Sacrament of Baptism: Christ Welcomes Us.
Jan 28	Lesson 17	The Sacrament of Confirmation: The Holy Spirit Seals Us



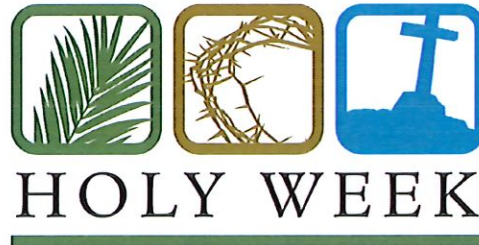
Purification & Enlightenment

Feb 4	Lesson 18	The Holy Eucharist: Christ Feeds Us.
	LENT BEGINS	Feb 10th Ash Wednesday Attend Mass/Ashes
Feb 11	Lesson 19	The Mass: We Worship God
Feb 18	Lesson 20	The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Christ Forgives Us.
Feb 25	Lesson 21	The Anointing of the Sick: Christ Accompanies Us In Our Weakness
March 4	Lesson 22	The Sacrament of Holy Orders: Christ Acts Through the Clergy
March 11	Lesson 23	The Sacrament of Matrimony: The Domestic Church.
March 18		Session on Holy Week



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March 21	Sunday	Palm Sunday
March 23	Tuesday	Chrism Mass
March 25	Thursday	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 26	Friday	Good Friday
March 27	Saturday	Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil
March 28	Sunday	Easter Sunday



Mystagogy

April 1	Going Deeper	Your Easter Experience, "Living The Mysteries"
April 8	Lesson 24	Liturgical Prayer and Popular Devotions
April 15	Lesson 25	The Christian Moral Life: Knowing Right From Wrong
April 22	Lesson 26	The Social Doctrine of the Church and the Works of Mercy
April 29	Lesson 27	The Culture of Life: Protecting the Most Vulnerable
May 6	Lesson 28	Discipleship & Evangelization: Sharing The Joy

*** There will be a Special Session to Prepare the Newly Baptized for their First Confession (Date to Be Determined)**

**** Sunday May 16th—Pentecost Sunday: The Birthday of the Church!!**

Christian Initiation RITES

The Rite of Acceptance—A rite usually held late in the Fall or January - a rite in which an unbaptized person expresses his/her intention to be baptized. The non-baptized becomes a catechumen.

The Rite of Welcoming—a rite in which a baptized person expresses his/her intention to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. The baptized Christian becomes a candidate.

These are usually offered the first of the new year as needed.

The Rite of Election/Continuing Conversion—This rite is a passage in which the catechumen's godparent or the candidates sponsor testifies on behalf of the catechumen or candidate that his/her heart and mind have been transformed by Jesus Christ. The non-baptized is not referred to as an elect, while a baptized person is still called a candidate. The Rite of Election is usually held the Sunday after Ash Wednesday. (Sunday Feb 14, 2027) NOTE This is Valentines Day & Super Bowl Sunday)

The Scrutiny's—Usually held the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent for the Elect

Preparation Rites—March 27th—Holy Sat Morning - Then practice for the Vigil

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