

Expectations for those in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:

1. **Faithfully attend the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday mornings.** If you are Catholic and previously made your First Holy Communion, you may receive Communion during Mass. (If it has been a long time since you went to Confession, do that first.) If you have not made your 1st Communion or are not Catholic, you may join the Communion line and when you reach the priest/minister, cross your hands across your chest. You will be offered a simple blessing.
2. Attend and participate in **the Sunday morning OCIA sessions every Sunday.** They are held immediately after the 9:00 am Mass and conclude by 11:00 am. They are usually held in the Patio Room of the Parish Center but may occasionally be relocated to the church basement. As you enter the room, you are asked to put a check by your name on the attendance sheet. If there is a serious reason to miss a session, please inform Rebecca Langford in advance. If your attendance becomes irregular, that may be an indication that OCIA is not a priority for you at this time.
3. Attend **the mini-retreat on prayer on October 24**, 9:00am – 3:00 pm. It will be at St. Leo's Church, 936 Genevieve St, Solana Beach.
4. If you were already baptized as a Catholic, provide **a copy of your baptismal certificate.** If you made your First Communion, it should be noted on the baptismal certificate, or you can ask for a separate certificate for that.
5. If you were baptized in another Christian religion, you will not be rebaptized. However, we need some evidence that the baptism was **with water** and in the **name of the Trinity**. That evidence could be a certificate or a letter from the church that indicates date and place of the Baptism. If those are not available, see Fr. Ron to discuss alternate proofs of baptism.
6. Every person needs a sponsor (for Baptism and/or Confirmation). The requirements for any sponsor is that the person is a fully initiated Catholic (baptized, confirmed, first communion), attends Mass regularly, if married has a recognized Catholic marriage. The sponsor needs to complete the **Declaration for Godparents/Sponsors** and turn it in to Rebecca. If you have difficulty finding a sponsor, contact Fr. Ron. [Note: sponsors are not required to attend the OCIA sessions but are welcome if they choose.]
7. Attend the **Rite of Election** with Bishop Pham and catechumen/candidates from across the Diocese of San Diego. Exact date and place to be determined, but near the beginning of Lent. Sponsors are welcome.
8. Attend the **rehearsal** for the Easter Vigil on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm in the church. Sponsors can attend, if possible.
9. And, of course, the **Easter Vigil** on Saturday, March 27 at 8:00 pm. Sponsors must attend and participate.