



2026-2027

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN INITIATION

BECOMING CATHOLIC THROUGH OCIA | INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

No class on the first Wednesday of each month

Optional Benediction follows at 9:00 p.m.

The Wednesday teaching sessions are open to OCIA participants and adults attending Introduction to Catholicism. Liturgical rites, Sacramental preparation, sponsors, records, and individual meetings apply according to each participant's Baptismal and Sacramental status, readiness, and proper path of formation.

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2026

WED, SEP 9	Lesson 1: What Is Faith? / Prayer: Uniting Our Hearts with God - Two Lessons
WED, SEP 16	Lesson 2: Divine Revelation
WED, SEP 23	Lesson 3: The Bible
WED, SEP 30	Lesson 4: Creation and the Fall of Adam and Eve
WED, OCT 14	Lesson 5: Who Is Jesus Christ?
WED, OCT 21	Lesson 6: The Life and Ministry of Christ
WED, OCT 28	Lesson 7: The Death and Resurrection of Christ
WED, NOV 11	Lesson 8: The Holy Spirit / The Church - Two Lessons Combined
WED, NOV 18	Lesson 9: The Communion of Saints
WED, NOV 25	Lesson 10: Mary - Advent Begins November 29

DECEMBER 2026 - FEBRUARY 2027

WED, DEC 9	Lesson 11: Salvation, Purgatory, and the Rapture Theory
WED, DEC 16	Lesson 12: Introduction to the Sacraments
WED, JAN 13	Lesson 13: The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation - Two Lessons Combined
WED, JAN 20	Lesson 14: The Sacrament of the Eucharist
WED, JAN 27	Lesson 15: The Mass
WED, FEB 10 ASH WEDNESDAY	Lesson 16: Introduction to Morality and Preparing for Penance
WED, FEB 17	Lesson 17: Principles and Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
WED, FEB 24	Lesson 18: Human Life Issues

MARCH - MAY 2027

WED, MAR 10	Lesson 19: The Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick - Two Lessons Combined
WED, MAR 17	Lesson 20: The Sacrament of Holy Orders
WED, MAR 24	Possible Lenten Retreat / Holy Week Preparation
WED, APR 14	Lesson 21: The Sacrament of Marriage
WED, APR 21	Lesson 22: Sexual Morality
WED, APR 28	Lesson 23: The Morality of Fertility and Biomedical Research
WED, MAY 12	Lesson 24: Last Class of the Program - The Role of the Laity in the Church and the World

LITURGICAL RITES AND MILESTONES

BY OCT 28	Initial pastoral meetings, Sacramental records review, and discernment completed for those preparing for the November rites.
SUN, NOV 22	Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. According to Sacramental status, this includes the Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate and the Rite of Welcoming the Candidates. Participation follows readiness and pastoral review.
DATE TBD	Rite of Sending / Rite of Election, including the Call to Continuing Conversion when applicable. Parish Mass, diocesan date, time, and location to be announced.
SUN, FEB 21	Penitential Rite for Baptized Candidates, if applicable. Mass time to be confirmed.
SUN, FEB 28	Third Sunday of Lent - First Scrutiny for the Elect at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
SUN, MAR 7	Fourth Sunday of Lent - Second Scrutiny for the Elect at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
SUN, MAR 14	Fifth Sunday of Lent - Third Scrutiny for the Elect at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
DATES TBD	Presentation of the Creed during the Third Week of Lent and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer during the Fifth Week of Lent, for the Elect.
THU, MAR 25	Holy Thursday.
FRI, MAR 26	Good Friday.
SAT, MAR 27	Rites of Immediate Preparation for the Elect, if celebrated; Easter Vigil Rehearsal - day and time to be determined; Great Easter Vigil Mass (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night) - time to be determined.
SUN, MAY 16	Pentecost Sunday - conclusion of the initial Mystagogy period and continuation in Parish life.

NO CLASS AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NO CLASS

October 7, November 4, December 2, December 23, December 30, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5. The November 25 lesson remains scheduled as listed above.

PARTICIPANT FILES

Participants preparing for the Sacraments will meet individually with Fr. Frei early in the year. Baptismal records, prior Sacraments, marriage history, sponsor or godparent information, and other requested documents must be submitted according to the participant checklist.

SPONSORS AND GODPARENTS

Sponsors and godparents accompany participants through the rites, Sacramental preparation, the Easter season, and continued Parish life.

RITES

The rites on this calendar apply only to the catechumens, candidates, or Elect for whom each rite is proper. Adults attending Introduction to Catholicism participate in formation sessions but do not take part in OCIA rites unless they are also following the OCIA process. Dates marked TBD will be published after Parish or diocesan confirmation.

ATTENDANCE AND PRAYER

Regular participation is part of the formation process. When a Wednesday session ends before 8:45 p.m., participants may be dismissed early. Benediction at 9:00 p.m. is optional.