

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

*This calendar is subject to change

For children and teens who have not yet been Baptized.

*Below are additional dates and requirements for **children and teens over the age of 7 who have not yet been Baptized and are seeking to receive sacraments, and are in the second year of preparation for the sacraments.***

*Per Canon Law (the law of the Catholic Church), **anyone over the age of 6 and 11 months who has not yet been Baptized and desires to receive sacraments must receive all three Sacraments of Initiation during the same Mass.** These children and teens participate in OCIA, which means that there are some additional requirements, and **they will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass during their second year of preparation, which this year is on March 27th.***

A more in depth explanation of the following Rites will be given soon, and a meeting will be scheduled with your family to review them. In the meantime, please take note of the following dates:



Mandatory, only for those who have not been Baptized, or who were Baptized outside of the Catholic Church.

All listed below should be attended with the child/teen's godparent(s).

RITE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

November 8th, 2026 during the 10am Mass (arrival time: 9:15am)

ANointing OF CATECHUMEN

January 17th, 2027 during the 10am Mass (arrival time: 9:15am)

RITE OF ELECTION

Date and time TBD

Christ Cathedral, Garden Grove

SCRUTINIES

February 28, March 7, March 14

During the 10am Mass (arrival time: 9:15am)

EASTER VIGIL REHEARSAL

March 27, 10am - 12pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS

March 27, 8pm - 12am (end time is approximate)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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GODPARENTS/SPONSORS:

Resources on choosing a godparent:

The Catholic Church requires that each individual have a godparent for his/her Baptism, and a sponsor for his/her Confirmation. Godparents and sponsors are practicing Catholics who will walk with you in preparation to receive the sacraments, and who will continue to walk with you throughout your life after you receive the sacraments. A godparent should be someone who is a faithful Catholic and serves as a good model for you in your own faith life. The requirements for godparents can be found below, please take a look at them as someone who does not fulfill these requirements will not be able to serve as a godparent.

Please also note that you can have up to two godparents for your Baptism, if you choose two godparents, one of them must be a male and one of them must be a female. Additionally, you need one sponsor for your Confirmation. This person can be the same as one of your godparents for Baptism, or it can be someone different.

Requirements for Godparents and sponsors:

- **Age:** Must be at least 16 years old
- **Sacraments:** Must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, first Communion, Confirmation
- **If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church**
- **Mass Attendance:** Must fulfill weekly Sunday Mass obligation by attending Mass on Sundays, or Saturday evenings, and other Holy Days of Obligation.
- **Cannot be the parent of the individual they are serving as a godparent or sponsor for.**

CONFIRMATION SAINTS

Each child gets to choose a saint whose name they can take on for their Confirmation! This saint will become a great intercessor for your child, and a model for them in his/her faith. Please note that in the Diocese of Orange, boys must choose a male saint and girls must choose a female saint.

DRESS CODE FOR THE EASTER VIGIL MASS:

All who will be Baptized will need 2 outfits:

1. **The first outfit**, as described below, is to be worn prior to Baptism, with a brown gown over it (the brown gown will be provided by the Church for your use during the Mass, and will need to be returned after the Mass)
 - a. **Clothes:** All black clothes that you are ok with getting wet, and that can be seen by the public. All pants should reach at least the knees.
 - b. **Shoes:** Sandals that will come off easily

Immediately after the Baptism, the one who has been Baptized will leave to change clothes (all of this will be explained in more detail during the rehearsal).

1. **The second outfit**, as described below, will be worn after the Baptism under a white gown (the white gown will be provided by the Church for your use during the Mass, and will need to be returned after the Mass).
2. **Clothes:**
 - a. Girls: All white or mostly white dress or pants suit. Must have sleeves, must be at least knee length.
 - b. Boys: A navy blue or black suit with a white shirt, or a white shirt and tie with black or navy blue slacks.
3. **Shoes:**
 - a. Nice shoes, no tennis shoes, comfortable to walk in.

NOTE: In order to keep the Baptismal water clean, it is important that everyone is freshly showered and that there is no hair product or makeup worn.