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OCIA 2025-2026 CALENDAR

What is OCIA?

OCIA is the process for all adults (High School seniors and older) to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. There are three Sacraments of Initiation into the fullness of the faith - Baptism, First Eucharist (First Communion), and Confirmation. OCIA is the catechetical (teaching) process to prepare adults to receive these Sacraments to begin their Christian journey into the fullness of the Catholic Faith.

Who needs to attend OCIA faith formation classes?

OCIA is for **those who have never been validly baptized** and are just beginning a journey of Faith. Most likely these are ones who have never been 'churched' in any religion or if they are familiar with a particular religion, it has been on a sporadic or random basis. These will receive all three of the Sacraments of Initiation plus the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

OCIA is also for **those adults who are coming from a non-Catholic or Protestant Faith and have already been validly baptized**. Most likely these individuals are 'churched' in their particular religion and for a variety of reasons are now wishing to become Catholic. These individuals would be referred to as Candidates and will receive First Eucharist, Confirmation and Reconciliation.

OCIA is also for **those adults who were baptized Catholic and have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation** and are in need of completing their initiation into the Faith.

CLASS AND MEETING DATES

October 2025		
1 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
15 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
29 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
November 2025		
12 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
18(T)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
30(S)	Rite of Welcoming-11am Mass	Church
December 2025		
9 (T)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
17(W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Church

January 2026		
14 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
24 (Sat)	OCIA Retreat: 8:30am to 12:30pm	Pax Christi
28 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
February 2026		
11 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
22(S)	8:30am Mass: Rite of Sending	Church
22(S)	1pm-Rite of Election	Cathedral
March 2026		
4 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
8(S)	1st Scrutiny: 8:30 am Mass	Church
15(S)	2nd Scrutiny: 11am Mass	Church
17(T)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
21(Sat)	3rd Scrutiny: 5pm Mass	Church
25 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
April 2026		
2	6pm: Holy Thursday	Church
3	6pm: Good Friday	Church
4	1pm Easter Vigil Rehearsal	Church
4	8PM-Easter Vigil	Church
8 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman
22 (W)	6:30pm-8:00pm	Newman

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