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Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

2026 - 2027

Class Syllabus

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St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
September 8, 2026 – April 27, 2027

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MEETING LOCATION

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5712 Paradise Blvd NW
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Tuesday's: 6:30pm - 8:45pm

OVERVIEW

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life. All who are interested in becoming Catholic, or anyone who has been Baptized and needs to complete their sacraments, or anyone who wants to learn more about their faith, are encouraged to attend these classes.

OCIA RESOURCES

Books

Pennock, Michael. *This is our Faith: A Catholic Catechism for Adults*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781594718410

U.S. Catholic Church. *Catechism of the Catholic Church: Complete and Updated*. New York, NY: Image. ISBN: 9780385479677

Key: **"CCC"** Catechism of the Catholic Church - is numbered by paragraphs.
"TIOF" This is Our Faith - is numbered by pages.

Catholic Bible

Please purchase a **Catholic** Bible (one or both listed below)

- Revised Standard Version (2nd Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press)
- St. Joseph's New American Bible

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please *ONLY* follow this schedule. The children's Religious Education schedule is different than OCIA.
- Do NOT use info from the Church bulletin regarding OCIA class schedule (dates/times).
- OCIA date/time change notifications will be provided in class, by phone (text), or email.
- OCIA sponsors & spouses are most welcome and strongly encouraged to attend every class (accompany you in your OCIA journey).
- Please arrive to class on time.
- Please make every effort to attend ALL classes as new material is covered each week.
- Please prepare by reading all lessons prior to class.
- Read your lessons early. Be ready with questions for the next class.
- Keep a note book/journal. Write questions, important information, notes, etc.
- Write a typed letter - titled "Why I want to become a Catholic."
- Please prayerfully begin attending Mass weekly, on every Sunday in preparation of receiving your **FIRST** Communion on Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 28, 2027.
- Please register as a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.
- Memorize your prayers (to be discussed in class).

REQUIRED PAPERWORK

Item	Turn-in Date
Name of Sponsor	November 17, 2026 (Tue.)
Baptismal Certificate (If previously Baptized)	November 17, 2026 (Tue.)
Baptismal/Confirmation Name (Saint's Name)	November 17, 2026 (Tue.)
Letter from Sponsor's home Parish	November 17, 2026 (Tue.)
A one-page typed letter: *Why I want to become a Catholic*	November 17, 2026 (Tue.)

This list is not inclusive

Turn in ALL paperwork to Deacon Chuck or OCIA Instructors. Paperwork will be forwarded to the Parish Office.

OCIA RETREAT

There will be a one-day OCIA Class Retreat on a **Saturday, February 6th, 2027** starting at **9:00am** at the **St. Jude Parish Hall**. Please plan to take time off from work and other family duties for that day (child and/or elderly care).

Attendees: You, your spouse (if applicable), and your sponsor. Additional information will be provided in the class prior to the retreat.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Holy See	www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html
Archdiocese of Santa Fe (ASF)	archdiosf.org/
St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church	www.stjudenm.org
St. Jude Newsletter & Bulletin	www.stjudenm.org/bulletin
FORMED	www.stjudenm.org/formed
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops	www.usccb.org/
Books of the Bible (online)	bible.usccb.org/bible
Catechism of the Catholic Church (online)	usccb.cld.bz/Catechism-of-the-Catholic-Church/
ASF Parish Finder (Mass/Confession times)	archdiosf.org/parishfinder
ASF Pastoral Center Directory	archdiosf.org/directory-for-the-archdiocese

IMPORTANT DATES

OCIA Class

Date	Description
09/08/2026 (Tue.)	First day of OCIA Class!
11/17/2026 (Tue.)	Items Due: Name of Sponsor, Baptismal Certificate, Your Saint's Name, Letter from your Sponsor's home Parish, 1-page typed letter "Why I want to become a Catholic"
02/06/2027 (Sat.)	OCIA Class Retreat
02/10/2027 (Wed.)	Ash Wednesday. All to attend evening Mass followed by a tour of the Church. (Family are invited to join in the tour.)
02/10/2027 (Wed.)	Lent Begins (be sure to observe prayer, fasting, and almsgiving)
TBD	▪ **Rite of Election** ▪ 4:30-8:00pm (?). All need to attend (Location TBD). Also, attend the 11am Mass at St. Jude the Sunday before
02/28/2027 (Sun.)	The Scrutinies (3rd Sunday of Lent) - All will attend 11am Mass at St. Jude
03/07/2027 (Sun.)	The Scrutinies (4th Sunday of Lent) - All will attend 11am Mass at St. Jude
03/14/2027 (Sun.)	The Scrutinies (5th Sunday of Lent) - All will attend 11am Mass at St. Jude
03/21/2027 (Sun.)	▪ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ▪ **Please take a blessed PALM leaf home**. You may take a new palm leaf home next year and burn your old one as it is a blessed Sacramental.
03/21/2027 (Sun.)	Holy Week begins
03/25/2027 (Thu.)	Holy Thursday
03/26/2027 (Fri.)	Good Friday
03/27/2027 (Sat.)	Easter Vigil
03/28/2027 (Sun.)	Easter Sunday
04/27/2027 (Tue.)	Last Day of OCIA Class! Now I'm Catholic - *What's next* Q&A. Also, class potluck (families are welcome to attend).

Holy Days of Obligation (for Catholics to attend Mass)

Date	Description
11/01/2026 (Sun.)	The Solemnity of All Saints **(Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026)**. Falls on a Sunday, therefore the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated (lifted). We should be in Church! 😊
12/08/2026 (Tue.)	The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12/25/2026 (Fri.)	The Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)
01/01/2027 (Fri.)	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
05/06/2027 (Thu.)	The Ascension of the Lord
08/15/2027 (Sun.)	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Falls on a Sunday, we should be at Church! 😊
11/01/2027 (Mon.)	The Solemnity of All Saints (not a Holy day of Obligation this year)
12/08/2027 (Wed.)	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12/25/2027 (Sat.)	The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)
01/01/2028 (Sat.)	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Note: Holy Days of Obligation to attend Mass may be handled (celebrated) differently in each country (United States Conference of Bishops). Even within your diocese (Archdiocese of Santa Fe). Please check the St. Jude Bulletin throughout the year for Holy Days of Obligation Mass dates/times.

OCIA CLASS SCHEDULE

#	Date	Weekly Lesson
01	09/08/2026 (Tue.)	First Class – Introductions and overview of the OCIA Program Our Desire and Capacity for God (CCC 1-43; TIOF pgs. 1-7)
02	09/15/2026 (Tue.)	Divine Revelation: *The Initiative of God's Love* (CCC 50-141; TIOF pgs. 7-12)
03	09/22/2026 (Tue.)	The Life of Faith: *Our Response to God's Invitation to Relationship* (CCC 26-184, 1260)
04	09/29/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of Sin (CCC 386-421; TIOF pgs. 256-260) Sin and the Constant call to Conversion (CCC 1426-1454, 1846-1876)
05	10/06/2026 (Tue.)	The Sacrament of Matrimony (CCC 1601-1658, 2331-2391, 2514-2527)
06	10/13/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of God (CCC 200-229; TIOF pgs. 13-19)
07	10/20/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of the Trinity (CCC 236-266; TIOF ch. 6)
08	10/27/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of Creation (CCC 279-384; TIOF pg. 20)
09	11/03/2026 (Tue.)	Jesus Christ: *The Fulfillment of God's Promise* (CCC 410-524; TOIF ch. 3) The Mystery of the Incarnation (CCC 463-480)
10	11/10/2026 (Tue.)	Jesus' Ministry: *Teaching, Healing, Reconciling* (CCC 535-561,1716-1724; TIOF ch. 4)
11	11/17/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of Redemption (CCC 535-621; TIOF pgs. 55, 156-157)
12	11/24/2026 (Tue.)	▪ Thanksgiving Break ▪
13	12/01/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of the Resurrection, Ascension & Lordship of Christ (CCC 628-682; TIOF ch. 4, pgs. 68-71)
14	12/08/2026 (Tue.)	The Holy Spirit (CCC 683-799, 1302-1303, 1830-1831; TIOF ch. 5)
15	12/15/2026 (Tue.)	The Mystery of the Church: *One, Holy* (CCC 770-870, TIOF ch. 8) The Mystery of the Church: *Catholic and Apostolic*
16	12/22/2027 (Tue.)	▪ Christmas Break ▪
17	12/29/2027 (Tue.)	▪ Christmas Break ▪
18	01/05/2027 (Tue.)	Mary: *The Virgin Mother of God* (CCC 488-511; TIOF pgs. 33, 129-131) The Call to Holiness: *Communion of Saints* (CCC 828, 948, 2013-2015, 2683; TIOF pgs. 126-127)
19	01/12/2027 (Tue.)	The Last Things (CCC 988-1050; TIOF ch. 11)
20	01/19/2027 (Tue.)	The Liturgical and Sacramental Life (CCC 1066-1210; TIOF ch. 12)
21	01/26/2027 (Tue.)	The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (CCC 1213-1321; TIOF ch. 13)
22	02/02/2027 (Tue.)	Eucharist: *Theology of the Mass* (CCC 1322-1419; TIOF ch. 14)
23	02/06/2027 (Sat.)	OCIA Class Retreat (1 Day)
24	02/09/2027 (Tue.)	Eucharist: *Structure of the Mass* (CCC 1348-1355)
25	02/10/2027 (Wed.)	**▪ ASH WEDNESDAY CLASS ▪** We will attend Mass in the church (check the Church Bulletin for Mass time) Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, continues through Good Friday (**Fast and Abstinence for Catholics**). Friday's during Lent (**abstinence from meat for Catholics**). **The class will remain after Mass for a tour of the Church.**
26	02/16/2027 (Tue.)	The Sacraments of Healing: *Penance and Anointing of the Sick* (CCC 1420-1532, 1855, TIOF ch. 15)
27	02/23/2027 (Tue.)	The Sacraments of Holy Orders (CCC 874-896, 1536-1600; TIOF ch. 16)
28	03/02/2027 (Tue.)	Catholic Morality and the Dignity of the Human Person (CCC 1702-1737; TIOF ch. 18)
29	03/09/2027 (Tue.)	Living the Catholic Moral Life (CCC 1749-1845)
30	03/16/2027 (Tue.)	The Mystery of Justification (CCC 1987-2029; TIOF ch. 19)
31	03/23/2027 (Tue.)	The Ten Commandments: *Introduction and Commandments I-III* (CCC 1949-1986, 2052-2195)
32	03/27/2027 (Sat.)	**▪ EASTER VIGIL MASS (HOLY SATURDAY) ▪** 8:00pm - Class will enter into the Catholic Church (become Catholic). **All class members will attend evening Mass**. **Be at the church 60 minutes early** (**7pm SHARP**). Bring items to be blessed if you wish, i.e., Rosaries, medals, etc. Also bring camera for photos after Mass. All family members should arrive early too.
33	03/30/2027 (Tue.)	The Ten Commandments: *Introduction and Commandments IV-X* (CCC 2196-2557)
34	04/06/2027 (Tue.)	Prayer in the Christian Life (CCC 2558-2737)
35	04/13/2027 (Tue.)	Our Father: *The Spirituality of Gospel Living* (CCC 2777-2856)
36	04/20/2027 (Tue.)	Being and Active Parishioner: *Spirituality and Corporal Works of Mercy* (CCC 2179, 2447, 2041-2043)
37	04/27/2027 (Tue.)	Last Class - Final questions, Potluck Dinner (Families welcome!)