

OCIA 2026-27

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Saint Patrick Cathedral – Parish Hall 7:00pm-9:00pm

1300 Throckmorton Street

Schedule subject to change as needed

September – Inquiry/Kerygma

Tuesday, 09/08	The Journey / Emmaus	Father John Robert Skeldon
Tuesday, 09/15	Creation / The Fall	Andrew MacDonald
Tuesday, 09/22	Divine Revelation, Faith & Grace	Deacon Don Warner
Tuesday, 09/29	The Blessed Trinity	Jeff Hedglen

October – Faith and Doctrine

Tuesday, 10/06	Sacred Tradition	Deacon Don Warner
Tuesday, 10/13	Sacred Scripture	Jeff Hedglen
Tuesday, 10/20	The Son of God	Andrew MacDonald
Tuesday, 10/27	The Church: One Holy Catholic Apostolic	Andrew MacDonald

November – Faith and Doctrine

Tuesday, 11/03	The Holy Spirit	Andrew MacDonald
Tuesday, 11/10	Mary & The Communion of Saints	Deacon Don Warner
Tuesday, 11/17	Advent & The Liturgical Year	Deacon Don Warner
Sunday 11/22 Christ the King	Confirmation of Baptized Catholic Adults	12:30pm Mass
Tuesday, 11/24	THANKSGIVING WEEK	NO CLASS
Sunday, 11/29 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Rites of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome	5:00 PM Mass Cathedral

	(Sponsors, Candidates, Catechumens attend)	
	Lite Reception in Parish Hall All invited after Mass	6:00pm Parish Hall

December – Sacramental Life and Practice

Tuesday, 12/01	The 4 Last Things	Jeff Hedglen
*Sunday, 12/06	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 12/08	Baptism & Confirmation	Andrew MacDonald
Saturday, 12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass and Celebration	All Invited
Sunday, 12/13 Gaudate Sunday	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 12/15	Liturgical Prayer & The Rosary	Deacon Don Warner
Sunday, 12/20	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens Anointing of Catechumens after "Breaking Open the Word"	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 12/22	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO CLASS
Tuesday, 12/29	NEW YEAR BREAK	NO CLASS

January – Sacramental Life and Practice

Sunday, 01/03	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	NO DISMISSAL
Tuesday, 01/05	Liturgy	Deacon Don Warner
Sunday, 01/10	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 01/12	Sacraments of Healing	Deacon Don Warner

Sunday, 01/17	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 01/19	Sacraments of Vocation	Deacon Jim Crites
Sunday, 01/24	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 01/26	Theological Virtues	Andrew MacDonald
Sunday, 01/31	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)

February – Life in Christ

Tuesday, 02/02	Moral Virtues	Anointing of the Catechumens
Sunday, 02/07	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 02/09	The Ten Commandments	Andrew MacDonald
Wednesday, 02/10	ASH WEDNESDAY	All are Welcome
Sunday, 02/14 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	Rite of Sending (Catechumens, Candidates, Sponsors)	5:00 pm Mass
Tuesday, 02/16	Beatitudes & Lent	Deacon Don Warner
Sunday, 02/21 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	Breaking Open the Word-Dismissal of the Catechumens	12:30pm Mass (nonbaptized OCIA members)
Tuesday, 02/23	Confession Preparation	Father John Robert Skeldon
Sunday, 02/28 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	1st Scrutiny Elect Only AND their Sponsor	12:30pm Mass
TBD	Rite of Election and Calling to Continuing Conversion (Catechumens, Candidates, Sponsors)	

March – Purification and Enlightenment

Tuesday, 03/02	Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions of Candidates Only)	Cathedral 7pm
Sunday, 03/07 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	Full Communion into the Church for Candidates (Profession of Faith, Confirmation, 1st Holy Eucharist Sponsors Present	Cathedral 12:30pm Mass And 5:00pm Mass
Tuesday, 03/09	Way of the Cross 2nd Scrutiny Elect Only AND their Sponsors	Deacon Don Warner Scrutiny will be at beginning of class w/Father John Robert
Sunday, 03/14 5th SUNDAY OF LENT	3rd Scrutiny Elect Only AND their Sponsors	12:30pm Mass Cathedral
Tuesday, 03/16	Passion	Jeff Hedglen
Wednesday, 03/17	St. Patrick Feast Day	All are Welcome
Sunday, 03/21	Palm Sunday	
Tuesday, 03/23	CHRISM MASS Blessing of Holy Oils	NO CLASS (attend mass)
Thursday, 03/25	HOLY THURSDAY	HOLY WEEK
Friday, 03/26	GOOD FRIDAY	Cathedral 3:00pm
Saturday, 03/27	Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Elect and Sponsors)	10:00am Cathedral
	EASTER VIGIL MASS	Cathedral 8:00 PM
Sunday, 03/28	EASTER	
Tuesday, 03/30	The Eucharist The Mass	Deacon Don Warner

April – Mystagogy Catholic Living

Tuesday, 04/06	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Deacon Jim Crites
Tuesday, 04/13	Mystagogy: Intro	Jeff Hedglen
Tuesday, 04/20	Mystagogy: Introduction to Prayer	Deacon Don Warner
Tuesday, 04/27	Mystagogy: Charisms of the Holy Spirit	Deacon Jim Crites

May – Mystagogy Catholic Living

Tuesday, 05/04	Mystagogy: Discipleship	Jeff Hedglen
Tuesday, 05/11	Mystagogy : Prayer, Devotions	Deacon Don Warner
Tuesday, 05/18	Mystagogy: Walk Through the Mass Young Adult Group Intro.	Father John Robert
Tuesday, 05/25	Mystagogy: Send Out On Mission Ministries of Parish	Father John Robert
Tuesday, 06/01	HISTORICAL TOUR OF CATHEDRAL (optional)	

*****Dismissal of the Catechumens Only*** will occur every Sunday at the 12:30pm mass following the Rite of Welcome. Participation is Highly Recommended for the Catechumens***

Each Sunday, at the **12:30pm mass**, those adults preparing to be baptized into the Catholic Church will be dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This will continue each Sunday until Easter when, at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. The parish is not sending them out because they are somehow “unworthy” to stay for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Though they cannot yet come to the table of the Eucharist, Mother Church still has an obligation to feed those who have entered a relationship with her through the Rite of Acceptance. God’s Word is their only food during this period. Instead, the participants depart from the Mass with an OCIA member to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as **“Breaking Open the Word.”** (Dates are subject to change according to the OCIA Team Member)

