

# Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (2024-25)

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## Mission Statement:

OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the normal process by which non-Catholics can enter the Catholic Church. However, OCIA classes are open to anyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith.

## Classes:

We offer in-person classes. But we will also plan to stream classes. Classes will be held on posted Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30AM.

## Resources:

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*  
*Outlines of the Catholic Faith (OCF)*  
*Catholic Christianity (CC)*




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## Calendar Key:

-  OCIA class or activity
-  OCIA special event
-  Holy Day of Obligation

# OCIA Class Schedule 2024-25

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day					
8 ⊕ Class 1	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 ⊕ Class 2	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ⊕ Class 3	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 ⊕ Class 4	30					

## Class 1: Introduction to OCIA (Sunday 9/8)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: An introduction to the Catholic Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program (or OCIA for short).

## Class 2: Basic Theology and Apologetics (Sunday 9/15)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: Is there really a God? Is it faith opposed to reason? In this class, we attempt to answer these and other foundational questions on faith.

Resources: CCC 31, 33-35, 46, 48, 286, 2127.

## Class 3: Christian Theology (Sunday 9/22)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: What are the basic doctrines and dogmas Catholic Christians subscribe to? In this class, we explore the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Divinity of Christ.

Resources: CCC 198, OCF pp. 7-8,12: CCC 470-78.

## Class 4: The Bible (Sunday 9/29)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus and Karen Tucker

Description: In this class, we explore the basic structure and various themes of the Bible. We will also introduce and explore The Bible Timeline, a concise, graphical summary pamphlet detailing all of salvation history.

Resources: CCC 74-141, 748-962.



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October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 ✚ Class 5	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 ✚ Class 6	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 ✚ Class 7	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 ✚ Class 8	28	29	30	31		

## Class 5: What We Believe – The Creed (Sunday 10/6)

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The ancient Apostle's and Nicene Creeds formed the blueprint for the faith of the early Christians. In this class we explore history and the theology of the creeds with emphasis on the Nicene Creed.

Resources: OCF pp. 6-18.

## Class 6: The Lord's Prayer (Sunday 10/13)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus

Description: The Our Father is the iconic prayer that Jesus Christ himself taught us to pray. You have probably said this prayer countless times before. But have you ever really focused on what the prayer is saying? In this class we examine this most perfect of Christian prayers.

Resources: CCC 2759-2865.

## Class 7: Sin, Forgiveness, Repentance and Conversion (Sunday 10/20)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: We sin. God forgives. We repent. That leads to our conversion. In this class we explore, in greater detail, the mystery of God's economy of salvation. We will also discuss the role of Purgatory.

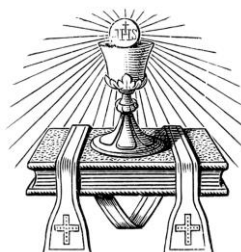
Resources: OCF pp. 2-3, 15-17, 48-51, 63.

## Class 8: Eternal Destiny (Sunday 10/27)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we discuss mankind's eternal destiny. Specific topics for discussion will be the four last things (death, judgment, heaven and hell), purgatory, and indulgences.

Resources: CCC 769, 778, 1042, 1053, 2796.



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November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 †	2
					All Saint's Day	All Soul's Day
3 Daylight's Saving Time † Class 9	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10 † Class 10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 † Class 11	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

## Class 9: Eschatology (Sunday 11/3)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: Eschatology is the theological study that deals with death, judgment, and the final destiny of all souls. In this class we explore the Catholic view of these topics.

Resources: CCC 676, 1186, 2771, 2776; OCF pp. 2, 6-7, 10-13, 17-18, 21, 27, 29, 48, 58, 62..

## Class 10: The Mass Explained (Sunday 11/10)

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The Mass is the historical and liturgical form of Catholic Christian worship. In this class we step through and explain the various parts of the Mass, including the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Resources: CCC 1066-1209; OCF 26, 39, 63.

## Class 11: The Kingdom of God (Sunday 11/17)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: What is the Kingdom of God? Does it refer to a future kingdom on earth after Jesus' coming? Or does the kingdom exist here and now? Learn what the Bible (and the Church) have to say on the matter.

Resources: CCC 671, 677, 680, 763, 1042, 1060, 1720, 2046, 2804, 2816-21, 2859.



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December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rite of Acceptance First Sunday of Advent	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Class 12	9 † Feast of Immaculate Conception	10	11	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14
15 Class 13	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 † Christmas Eve	26 Christmas Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

## Rite of Acceptance (Sunday 12/1)

Description: In the Rite of Acceptance, candidates and catechumens are invited to attend the 8AM Mass where they are introduced to the parish. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that dates to the earliest days of the church, and one that is still faithfully practiced in the Catholic church. After Mass, there will be no formal class. There will be a short reception in Holtman Hall.

## Class 12: The Blessed Virgin Mary (Sunday 12/8)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus and Karen Tucker

Description: The Blessed Virgin Mary is held in high esteem in the Catholic faith. After all, she is the mother of God (being the literal mother of Jesus Christ). As such, she exemplifies what each of us are called to be - members of the Holy Family of God.

## Class 13: The Church (Sunday 12/15)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: Jesus Christ established the church to be the visible extension of his presence and authority on earth. What does the Bible say about the church? What does Catholic theology teach about it? In this class we will also delve into the Four Marks of the Church.

Resources: CCC 748-962.

**NOTE:** There will be not classes on Sunday December 22 and Sunday December 29.



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January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 ⊕ Class 14	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10	11
12 ⊕ Class 15	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 ⊕ Class 16	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 ⊕ Class 17	27	28	29	30	31	

## Class 14: History of the Church (Sunday 1/5)

Instructor: Laura Wolbrueck

Description: The Catholic Church is an ancient organization, dating back some 2000 years, all the way back to the time of Jesus Christ himself. In this class we touch on the high points and low points of Catholic history.

## Class 15: Catholic Buffet (Sunday 1/12)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: A class where we talk about a host of Catholic topics: lives of the Saints, Praying to the Saints, how we should respond to questions about our faith, the problem with evil, etc.

## Class 16: Salvation (Sunday 1/19)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: In this class we explore the Catholic doctrine of salvation. How is a person "saved"? How do Catholic beliefs on salvation differ from those held by other Christian professions of faith?

Resources: CCC 456-57, 519, 588, 600-02, 851, 1019, 1696, 1811, 1949; OCF pp. 3-4, 21, 34, 37, 50.

## Class 17: Christian Morality I – The Ten Commandments (Sunday 1/26)

Instructor: Mike May

Description: Human beings have been made in the image of God Who is all powerful, all knowing, and all good. What does God expect of us? In what ways are we called to be like Him? In this class we examine how the Ten Commandments give the standard of Christian morality. We will also talk about their New Testament corollaries, the Eight Beatitudes.



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February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 ✚ Class 18	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 ✚ Class 19	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 ✚ Class 20	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 ✚ Class 21	24	25	26	27	28	

**Class 18: Christian Morality II – The Eight Beatitudes, and the Seven Virtues and the Seven Vices (Sunday 2/2)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class, we continue our discussion on Christian morality with a discussion on the Eight Beatitudes, the Seven Virtues and the Seven Vices, and the necessity of good works.

**Class 19: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (Sunday 2/9)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we introduce the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Resources: OCF pp. 19-28.

**Class 20: The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (Sunday 2/16)**

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we introduce the two Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

Resources: OCF pp. 29-33.

**Class 21: The Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony (Sunday 2/23)**

Instructor: Laura Wolbrueck

Description: In this class we introduce the two Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony.



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March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 ✚ Class 22	3	4	5 First Day of Lent Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 ✚ Rite of Election
9 ✚ Class 23 Daylight Savings	10	11	12	13	14 St. Patrick's Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Spring Break						
23 Scrutinies	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 ✚ Class 24	31					

## Class 22: Lenten Preparation (Sunday 3/2)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: We will do a Rite of Election walkthrough and discuss general preparation for Lent.

## Rite of Election (Saturday 3/8)

Description: The Rite of Election is another ancient rite of the Catholic Church. Catechumens are invited to attend the Diocesan Rite of Election ceremony (location TBD). See Appendix for more information.

## Class 23: The Eucharist I (Sunday 3/9)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (CCC 1324). Why do Catholics heap such praise upon this Sacrament, otherwise known as the Lord's Supper?

Resources: CCC 1322-1419.

## The Scrutinies (Sunday 3/23, Sunday 3/30, Sunday 4/6)

Description: Preparation for the Elect at all Sunday Masses so as to "see clearly and inspect closely". See Appendix for more information.

## Class 24: The Eucharist II (Sunday 3/30)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: This is a continuation of our class on the Eucharist and its importance in our faith.

Resources: CCC 1322-1419.

“This is my  
body ...”



“... this is my  
blood”

Mark 14:22-24



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April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6  <b>Class 25</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>						
13 <b>Class 26</b> Palm Sunday	14 	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 <b>Easter Vigil</b>  Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <b>Class 27</b>	28	29	30			

Scrutinies

## Class 25: Becoming Catholic (Sunday 4/6)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: In this class we review and reflect upon all that we have learned. We will also discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation reception which is required of all candidates prior to reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Anytime in the 2 weeks prior to the Easter Vigil)

Candidates must attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Easter Vigil. See Appendix for more information.

## Class 26: Easter Vigil Walkthrough (Sunday 4/13)

Description: This is the last meeting, before the Easter Vigil, when prospective candidates and catechumens will be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. In this class we will do a walkthrough for the Easter Vigil.

## Easter Vigil (Saturday 4/19)

Description: On the Easter Vigil, held on Holy Saturday, candidates and catechumens wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

## Class 27: Mystagogy (Sunday 4/27)

Instructor: Karen Tucker

Description: Mystagogy – or the “revealing of the mysteries” – is the last official act of the OCIA process. In ancient times, Mystagogy defined the final revelation of the Sacraments and their meaning. Today, Mystagogy is used to introduce new Catholics to the Catholic way of life.



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## Appendix

### Rite of Acceptance (Sunday 12/1)

Candidates and catechumens are invited to attend the 8AM Mass where they are introduced to the parish. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that dates to the earliest days of the church, and one that is still faithfully practiced in the Catholic church. After Mass, there will be no formal class.

The Rite isn't about candidates and catechumens accepting the Church. That comes later, as something called the Rite of Election. Rather, the Rite of Acceptance is about the Church accepting our new candidates and catechumens.

There is not class following the 8AM Mass. Instead, there will be a short reception in Holtman Hall.

### Rite of Election (Saturday 3/8)

The Rite of Election is another ancient rite of the Catholic Church. Catechumens are invited to attend the Diocesan Rite of Election ceremony (location TBD).

Candidates (i.e. those you have already been baptized) need not attend this event. However, candidates are still invited to attend and lend support to our catechumens, who, from this point forward, will be known as the Elect.

### The Scrutinies (Sunday 3/23, Sunday 3/30, Sunday 4/6)

The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent:

1. Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well, where He offers Himself as the Living Water,
2. Jesus healing the man born blind, where He gives Himself as Light of the World, and
3. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

After the Gospel and Homily, the Elect and their Sponsors come forward during each of the three weeks of the Scrutinies. The Celebrant addresses the whole assembly, asking us to pray for a spirit of repentance, an awareness of sin, and strength of will for the Elect. He prays for them as we pray for them. While this is happening, we can recognize the need to seek these same graces in prayer for our own continuous conversions.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Anytime in the 2 weeks prior to the Easter Vigil)

Prior to the Easter Vigil, all candidates are required to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation (a.k.a. Confession). Candidates can do this at any point in the two weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil. Typically, our church has a Penitential Rite in which priests from all over the Diocese come to hear confessions at our parish.

### Easter Vigil (Saturday 4/19)

On the Easter Vigil, held on Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday, candidates and catechumens wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.