

Immaculate Heart of Mary

**RCIA Calendar 2023-2024**

Regular meetings: Thursday evenings, 7 pm

September 7	Introduction
September 14	1 – Who is God? Revelation (1,2)
September 21	2 – Who are we? What is faith? Prayer (4,5,6,35)
September 28	3 – Transmitting Revelation, Scripture & Tradition (3,11)
October 5	4 – Jesus, Son of God, Savior (7,8,11)
October 12	5 – Holy Spirit, Church (9,10,11)
October 19	No Meeting (Fall Break)
October 26	6 – Church Tour
November 1	7 – The Saints (12) <b>Wednesday meeting because of Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints Day)</b>
November 9	8 – Liturgy and Sacraments (14)
November 16	9 – Four Last Things (13)
November 23	No Meeting (Thanksgiving)
November 30 <sup>1</sup>	10 – Baptism and Confirmation (15,16)
December 8	11 – Mary <b>Friday meeting because of Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception)</b>
December 14	12 – Faith Sharing
December 21	13 – Faith Sharing
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas</b>
December 28	No Meeting (Christmas Break)

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<sup>1</sup> Breaking Open the Word (BOW): This is a unique way for inquirers or candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation to participate in the liturgy of the Mass. After the homily, they are dismissed from the Mass and assemble in a separate space to have a structured conversation around the Word of God and how it speaks or applies to their lives. We meet for BOW during Advent and Lent, during the 9:30 am Mass: December 3, December 10, December 17, and February 18, February 25, March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24.

January 4	No Meeting (Christmas Break)
January 11	13 – Prayer
January 18	14 – Church History and Reformation
January 25	15 – Eucharist (17)
February 1	16 – Holy Orders and Religious Life (20,22)
February 8	17– Commandments and Beatitudes (25-34)
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)</b>
February 15	18 – Morality and Divine Law (24)
February 22	19– Penance and Reconciliation (18,19)
February 29 <sup>2</sup>	20 – Marriage, 6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Commandment (21,20,33)
March 7	21 – Difficult Questions and their Answers; Presentation of the Creed
March 14	22 – Questions for Father, Dinner with Sponsors; Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer
March 21	No Meeting (Spring Break)
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Rehearsal Wednesday Meeting because of Triduum</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Easter Vigil – Initiation into the Church</b>
April 4	23 – Discipleship and Call to Holiness
April 11	24 – Catholic Spirituality and Discernment
April 18	25 – Social Teachings of the Church
April 25	26 – Parish Life
May 2	Mass and Reunion with previous RCIA cohorts
May 15	Last Meeting – Sent on Mission

<sup>2</sup> During Lent the Church celebrates three different rites called “Scrutinies” with the candidates for Initiation into the Church. They are meant to deliver the elect from the power of sin, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. Please attend the 9:30 am Mass on March 3, March 10, and March 17 (these are also Break Open the Word days).