

Immaculate Heart of Mary

OCIA Calendar 2024-2025

Regular meetings: Thursday evenings, 7 pm

(numbers in parentheses refer to chapters in the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults)

September 12	1 – Introduction
September 19	2 – Who is God? Revelation (1,2)
September 26	3 – Who are we? What is faith? Prayer (4,5,6,35)
October 3	4 – Transmitting Revelation, Scripture & Tradition (3,11)
October 10	5 – Jesus, Son of God, Savior (7,8,11)
October 17	No Session (Fall Break)
October 24	6 – Mary and the Saints (12)
November 1	7 All Saints Day Mass and Dinner- Holy Day of Obligation (Friday)
November 7	8 – Four Last Things (13)
November 14	9 – Holy Spirit, Church (9,10,11)
November 21	10 – Faith Sharing
November 30 ¹	No Session (Thanksgiving)
December 5	11 – Prayer Experience
December 12	12 – Church History and Reformation
December 19	13 – Church Tour
December 25	Christmas
December 26	No Session (Christmas Break)
January 2	No Session (Christmas Break)

¹ 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 1, December 8, December 15 and December 22; and March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13.

January 9	13 – Liturgy and Sacraments (14)
January 16	14 – Baptism and Confirmation (15,16)
January 23	15 – Eucharist (17)
January 30	16 – The Mass
February 6	17– Discipleship and Call to Holiness
February 13	18 – Marriage, 6 th & 9 th Commandment (21,20,33)
February 20	19 – Holy Orders and Religious Life (20,22)
February 27	20 – Morality and Divine Law (24)
March 5	<i>Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)</i>
March 6	21 – Commandments and Beatitudes (25-34)
March 13	22 – Penance and Reconciliation (18,19)
March 20 ²	23 – RCIA Retreat no Session
March 27	24 –Presentation of the Creed and Prayer
April 3	No Session (Spring Break)
April 10	25 – Mass with Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer, Questions for Father, Dinner with Sponsors
April 16	Rehearsal Wednesday Meeting because of Triduum
April 19	<i>Easter Vigil – Initiation into the Church</i>
April 24	26 – Catholic Spirituality and Discernment
May 1	Parish Life
May 8	Mass and Reunion with previous RCIA cohorts

² 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 23, March 30, and April 6 (these are also Break Open the Word days).