

Immaculate Heart of Mary

OCIA Calendar 2025-2026

Regular meetings: Thursday evenings, 7 pm

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

September 11	1 – Introduction
September 18	2 – Who is God? Revelation (1,2)
September 25	3 – Who are we? What is faith? Prayer (4,5,6,35)
October 2	4 – Transmitting Revelation, Scripture & Tradition (3,11)
October 9	5 – Dinner with sponsors/family
October 16	No Session (Fall Break)
October 23	6 – Jesus, Son of God, Savior (7,8,11)
October 30	7- Mary and the Saints (12)
November 6	8 – Advent and the Liturgical Calendar
November 13	9 – Holy Spirit, Church (9,10,11)
November 20	10 – Four Last Things (13)-
November 27 ¹	No Session (Thanksgiving)
December 4	11 – Prayer Experience - <i>self led</i>
December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary <i>holy day of obligation</i>
December 7	Rite of Entrance and Welcoming (9:30 am Mass) w/sponsor
December 11	12 – Church History and Reformation
December 18	13 – Church Tour
<i>December 25</i>	No Session (Christmas Break) <i>Christmas day holy day of obligation</i>

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: November 30, December 7, December 14 and December 21; and February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

January 1	No Session (Christmas Break) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <i>holy day of obligation</i>
January 8	13 – Liturgy and Sacraments (14)
January 15	14 – Baptism and Confirmation (15,16)
January 22	15 – Eucharist (17)
January 29	16 – The Mass
February 5	17– Discipleship and Call to Holiness/Catholic Social Teaching (31)
February 12	18 – Penance and Reconciliation (18,19)
February 18	<i>Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)</i>
TBD	Rite of Sending and Rite of Election/Call to continuing Conversion w/sponsor
February 19	19 – Commandments and Beatitudes (25-34)
February 26	20 – Morality and Divine Law (24)
March 5 ²	21 – Marriage, Holy Orders and Religious Life (20, 21, 22)
March 12	No Session (OCIA retreat on March 7)
March 19	22 – Mass (5:30 pm) with Questions for Father, Dinner w/ Sponsors
March 26	<i>No Session (Spring Break)</i>
April 1	Rehearsal Wednesday Meeting because of Triduum
April 5	<i>Easter Vigil – Initiation into the Church</i>
April 9	23 – Sharing Holy Week Experiences/Parish Life
April 16	24-Mass and Reunion with previous OCIA cohorts

² During Lent the Church celebrates three different rites called “Scrutinies” with the Elect (unbaptized). 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 8, March 15, and March 22 (these are also Break Open the Word days).