

Immaculate Heart of Mary

OCIA Calendar 2026-2027

Dates finalized topics subject to change

Regular meetings: Thursday evenings, 7 pm

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

September 10	1 – Introduction
September 17	2 – Who is God? What is faith? (1,2,4,5,6)
September 24	3 – Dinner
October 1	4 – Transmitting Revelation, Scripture & Tradition (3,11)
October 8	5 –The Mass
<i>October 15</i>	<i>No Session (Fall Break)</i>
October 22	6 –Jesus, Son of God, Savior (7,8,11)
October 29	7– Mary and the Saints (12)
November 5	8- Advent and the Liturgical Calendar
November 12	9 – Holy Spirit, Church (9,10,11)
November 19	10 –Four Last Things (13)
<i>November 26¹</i>	<i>No Session (Thanksgiving)</i>
December 3	11 – Prayer Experience
December 6	<i>Sunday- Rite of Entrance and Welcoming (9:30 am Mass) w/sponsor</i>
December 10	12 – Church History and Reformation
December 17	13 – Church Tour
<i>December 24</i>	<i>No Session (Christmas Break)</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 29, December 6, 13 and 20; and February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

<i>December 31</i>	<i>No Session (Christmas Break)</i>
January 7	14 – Liturgy and Sacraments (14)
January 14	15 – Baptism and Confirmation (15,16)
January 21	16 – Eucharist (17)
January 28	17 – Penance and anointing of the sick (18,19)
February 4	<i>No Session (Interviews this week)</i>
February 10	Ash Wednesday (lent begins)
February 11	18 – Commandments and Beatitudes (25-34)
TBD	Sunday- Rite of Sending and Rite of Election/Call to continuing Conversion w/sponsor
February 18	19 – Morality and Divine Law (24)
February 25 ²	20 – Marriage, Holy Orders and Religious Life (20, 21, 22)
<i>February 27</i>	21-Saturday-North Deanery OCIA retreat (9am-3pm)
March 4	No Session (OCIA retreat prior week)
March 11	22- Discipleship and Call to Holiness/Catholic Social Teaching (31)
March 18	23 – Mass (5:30 pm) with Questions for Father, Dinner w/ Sponsors
March 24	Rehearsal Wednesday Meeting because of Triduum (7pm)
March 27	<i>Easter Vigil – Initiation into the Church</i>
April 1	24 – Sharing Holy Week Experiences/Parish Life
April 8	No Session-Spring Break
April 15	25-(5:30)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 February 28, March 7, and March 14 (these are also Break Open the Word days).