

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

LIST AND CALENDAR OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and the Welcoming the Candidates (Parish level, mandatory) <i>(Celebrated in Ordinary Time, but not during the Lent or Advent seasons) (Christmas and Easter are too busy also!)</i> Sunday, November 16, 2025 <i>OCIA, p641ff</i>	Exorcism & Renunciation of False Worship (Parish level, optional) Highly Desirable at the St. Michael Parich Church Sunday, November 30, 2025 <i>OCIA, p107ff</i>	Anointing of the Catechumens (Parish level, optional) Highly Desirable at the St. Michael Parich Church Sunday, December 7, 2025 <i>OCIA, p149ff</i>	Presentations of the Creed (Week of the 3d Sunday of Lent); Lord's Prayer (Week of the 5 th Sunday of Lent); Ephphetha Rite (Parish level, optional) Will be presented in OCIA catechetical sessions) <i>OCIA, p155; (Creed) p227 (Lord's Prayer) p271 (Ephphatha) p2</i>	Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election and Candidates for the Calling to Continuing Conversion (Parish level, optional) Highly Desirable at the St. Michael Parich Church Sunday, February 22, 2026 <i>OCIA, p675ff</i>	Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names (First Sunday of Lent), usually at the Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 2:30 p.m.) (with the Bishop) (mandatory) Sunday, February 22, 2026 <i>OCIA, 169ff</i>	Scrutinies <u>Penitential Rite:</u> 2 nd Sunday of Lent; <u>1st:</u> 3 rd Sunday of Lent; <u>2nd:</u> 4 th Sunday of Lent; and <u>3rd:</u> 5 th Sunday of Lent (Parish-level) (mandatory) Sundays, February 29 and March 8, 15, & 22, 2026 <i>OCIA, p 209, 239, 255 ff</i>	Participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation <u>(only for the previously baptized)</u> (** is to be celebrated <u>before</u> their official reception into the Church (e.g., for Candidates) and conferral of the remaining Sacraments of Initiation Friday, March 3 2026 at 6 p.m. (Church) <i>OCIA, p 209, 239, 255 ff</i>	Reception into the Church of the Elect (Easter Vigil) (Conferral of all 3 of the Sacrament of Initiation Saturday, April 4, 2026 8 p.m. <i>OCIA p731ff</i>	Reception into the Church of the Candidates (Easter Vigil) Saturday, April 4, 2026 10 a.m. (previously non-catholic baptized only) (reception of Profession of Faith) Saturday, April 4, 2026 8 p.m. <i>OCIA p767 ff</i>	Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy (Continuing Education of normally 1 year thereafter for all of the Neophytes) <i>OCIA p465ff</i>
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