

## **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

*Calendar Schedule 2025-2026 for Catechetical instruction, Retreats, & Liturgical Celebrations*

<b>2025-26 Date</b>	<b>Teaching topic</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>
Week of August 24	Introduction <i>and</i> What is the Meaning of My Life?	
Week of August 31	The Existence of God <i>and</i> The Blessed Trinity	
Week of September 7	Creation <i>and</i> Original Sin	
Week of September 14	The Story of the Bible	
Week of September 21	Divine Revelation	
Week of September 28	Faith <i>and</i> Conversion	
Week of October 5	The 10 Commandments	
Week of October 12	The 10 Commandments (continued)	
Week of October 19	Prayer	
Week of October 26	Jesus' Public Ministry	
Week of November 2	Redemption <i>and</i> The Holy Spirit	
Week of November 9	The Church: The Kingdom of God on Earth	
Week of November 16	The Four Last Things	
<i>Saturday, November 22</i>		Rite of Entrance & Welcoming retreat (in parish or deanery)
Week of November 23	The Beatitudes	
<i>Sunday, November 30</i>		Rite of Entrance & Welcoming
Week of November 30	The Incarnation	
Week of December 7	Mary, the Mother of God	
Week of December 14	Expressions and Types of Prayer (including <i>Lectio</i> : Praying with Scripture – Birth of Christ)	
Week of December 21	Grace	
<i>Wed., December 25</i>		Christmas
Week of December 28	Liturgy: Communion with God	
Week of January 4	Baptism: The Door to the Life of Grace	
Week of January 11	Confirmation: Sealed by the Holy Spirit	
Week of January 18	The Holy Eucharist: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us	
Week of January 25	The Holy Eucharist: Communion with & Sharing God's Joy	
Week of February 1	Holy Orders	
Week of February 8	Matrimony	
<i>Saturday, February 14</i>		Rite of Election Retreat
Week of February 15	Temptation and Sin	
<i>Wed., February 18</i>		Ash Wednesday
<i>Sunday, February 22</i>		Rite of Sending (parish) and Election (Cathedral)
Week of February 22	The Sacrament of Penance	
Week of March 1	The Sacrament of Anointing	Penitential Rite (Candidates only)
Week of March 8	Social Teaching of the Church	First Scrutiny; Presentation of the Creed (Catechumens only)
Week of March 15	The Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love	Second Scrutiny (Catechumens only)
Week of March 22	The Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love (continued)	Third Scrutiny; Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (Catechumens only)
Week of March 29	The Lord's Prayer, The Battle of Prayer, or Traditions of Prayer	Rite of Penance (Candidates only)
<i>Saturday, April 4</i>		Holy Saturday: Retreat, Immediate Sacramental Preparation, Easter Vigil
<i>Sunday, April 5</i>		Easter Sunday
Week of April 5	An informal celebration with those just received, friends, family, and parishioners!	
Week of April 12	Mystagogy: Revelation of God become Man	Mystagogy: 2nd through 7th Week of Easter: CATHOLICISM Study Program, Bp. Robert Barron. Contact the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization for updated discussion questions/handouts.
Week of April 19	Mystagogy: Revelation of God become Man	
Week of April 26	Mystagogy: Teachings of Jesus	
Week of May 3	Mystagogy: Mary	
Week of May 10	Mystagogy: Mary	
Week of May 17	Mystagogy: Peter	
Week of May 24	Final Session: Paul	
<i>Sunday, May 24</i>		Pentecost

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