

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Calendar Schedule 2026-2027 for Catechetical instruction, Retreats, & Liturgical Celebrations

2026-27 Date	Teaching topic	Liturgy
Week of August 23	Introduction <i>and</i> What is the Meaning of My Life?	
Week of August 30	The Existence of God <i>and</i> The Blessed Trinity	
Week of September 6	Creation <i>and</i> Original Sin	
Week of September 13	The Story of the Bible	
Week of September 20	Divine Revelation	
Week of September 27	Faith <i>and</i> Conversion	
Week of October 4	The 10 Commandments	
Week of October 11	The 10 Commandments (continued)	
Week of October 18	Prayer	
Week of October 25	Jesus' Public Ministry	
Week of November 1	Redemption <i>and</i> The Holy Spirit	
Week of November 8	The Church: The Kingdom of God on Earth	
Week of November 15	The Four Last Things	
<i>Saturday, November 21</i>		Rite of Entrance & Welcoming retreat (in parish or deanery)
Week of November 22	The Beatitudes	
<i>Sunday, November 29</i>		Rite of Entrance & Welcoming
Week of November 29	The Incarnation	
Week of December 6	Mary, the Mother of God	
Week of December 13	Expressions and Types of Prayer (including <i>Lectio</i> : Praying with Scripture – Birth of Christ)	
Week of December 20	Grace	
<i>Friday, December 25</i>		Christmas
Week of December 27	Liturgy: Communion with God	
Week of January 3	Baptism: The Door to the Life of Grace	
Week of January 10	Confirmation: Sealed by the Holy Spirit	
Week of January 17	The Holy Eucharist: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us	
Week of January 24	The Holy Eucharist: Communion with & Sharing God's Joy	
Week of January 31	Holy Orders	
<i>Saturday, February 6</i>		Rite of Election Retreat
Week of February 7	Matrimony	
<i>Wed., February 10</i>		Ash Wednesday
<i>Sunday, February 14</i>		Rite of Sending (parish) and Election (Cathedral)
Week of February 14	Temptation and Sin	
Week of February 21	The Sacrament of Penance, Sacrament of Anointing	Penitential Rite (Candidates only)
Week of February 28	Social Teaching of the Church	First Scrutiny; Presentation of the Creed (Catechumens only)
Week of March 7	The Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love	Second Scrutiny (Catechumens only)
Week of March 14	The Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love (continued)	Third Scrutiny; Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (Catechumens only)
Week of March 21	The Lord's Prayer, The Battle of Prayer, or Traditions of Prayer	Rite of Penance (Candidates only)
<i>Saturday, March 27</i>		Holy Saturday: Retreat, Immediate Sacramental Preparation, Easter Vigil
<i>Sunday, March 28</i>		Easter Sunday
Week of March 28	An informal celebration with those just received, friends, family, and parishioners!	
Week of April 4	Mystagogy: Discovery: God's Love	Mystagogy: 2nd through 7th Week of Easter: Discovery is the first in a 5-booklet series from Catholic Christian Outreach. Visit cco.ca/parish . For training to facilitate visit cco.ca/resources . Contact the Office for Catechesis-Evangelization for further info.
Week of April 11	Mystagogy: Discovery: Love's Initiative	
Week of April 18	Mystagogy: Discovery: Jesus Christ - Our Lord	
Week of April 25	Mystagogy: Discovery: Jesus Christ - Our Savior	
Week of May 2	Mystagogy: Discovery: Love is Offered	
Week of May 9	Mystagogy: Discovery: New Life	
Week of May 16	Final Session: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<i>Sunday, May 16</i>		Pentecost

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