

St. Gertrude Church

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - OCIA

Calendar 2025-2026

Period of Inquiry

Sept 07	Intro to OCIA
Sept 14	Who is God? What is Faith?
Sept 21	Bible/Revelation
Sept 28	Bible/Revelation
Oct 05	Jesus the Christ
Oct 12	No Class - <i>Columbus Day</i>
Oct 19	Bible/Revelation
Oct 26	The Holy Trinity
Nov 02	The Mass
Nov 09	The Church Year
Nov 16	Mary / The Saints
Nov 23	Church Visitation
Nov 30	No Class - <i>Thanksgiving Weekend</i>
Dec 07	The Structure of the Church
Dec 14	Canon Law
Dec 20	Reflection Day
Dec 21	Rite of Acceptance / Welcoming
Dec 28	No Class – <i>Merry Christmas</i>

Period of Catechumenate

Jan 04	No Class – <i>Happy New Year</i>
Jan 11	Sacraments of Initiation
Jan 18	No Class - <i>ML King Jr.</i>
Jan 25	Sacraments of Healing & Sacraments at the Service of the Church
Feb 01	Lent
Feb 08	Social Justice -Christian Life
Feb 15	No Class - <i>Presidents' Day</i>
Feb 22	The Rite of Election / Sending

Period of Purification and Enlightenment

Mar 01	Now What?
Mar 08	Scrutiny I (Nicene Creed / The Woman at the Well)
Mar 15	Scrutiny II (The Lord's Prayer / Man Blind from Birth)
Mar 21	Scrutiny III (Lazarus/Holy Week/Palm Sunday/Triduum)
Mar 28	Day of Reflection
Mar 29	No Class - <i>Palm Sunday</i>
Apr 04	Reception of the Sacraments
Apr 05	No Class - <i>Easter</i>

Period of Mystagogy

Apr 12	Conversion: A Lifelong Process
Apr 19	The Role of the Laity / Spiritual Gifts
Apr 26	Discernment & Our Call to Holiness
May 03	Living our Sacraments

Important dates in which the Sponsor needs to be present:

Saturday, Dec 20 from 9 to Noon	Day of Reflection (No Sponsor).
Sunday, Dec 21 at 10:30 am Mass	Rite of Acceptance / Welcoming
Sunday, Feb 22 at 10:30 am Mass	Rite of Sending (St. Gertrude) Rite of Election (At the Cathedral) <i>Time TBA</i>
Sunday, Mar 08 at 8:00 am Mass	Scrutiny I (Nicene Creed / The Woman at the Well)
Sunday, Mar 15 at 10:30 am Mass	Scrutiny II (The Lord's Prayer/Man Blind from Birth)
Saturday, Mar 21 at 5 pm Mass	Scrutiny III (Lazarus/Holy Week/Palm Sunday/Triduum)
Saturday, Mar 28 from 9 to Noon	Day of Reflection (No Sponsor).
Saturday, April 04 at 11 am Mass	Practice of the Reception of Sacraments
Saturday, April 04 at 7:30 pm Mass	Reception of the Sacraments of Initiation

All RCIA sessions are held at the Ministry Center
11:30 am