

OCIA Calendar 2023-2024

All OCIA classes will be held on Sundays from **11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Textbook: *This is Our Faith* by Michael Pennock (2018) (Ave Maria Press)

PRE-CATECHUMENATE PERIOD – INQUIRY

This is a time of introduction to the gospel of Jesus Christ and of reflection on one's own life in the light of the values of the reign of God.

Sunday	Sept 24	Divine Revelation – Tom Pernice Reading: <i>Chapter 1: The Existence of God</i>
Sunday	Oct 1	Sacred Scripture – Father Nathaniel Reading: <i>Handouts – Making “Sense” Out of the Bible; Taking God at His Word: A Catholic Understanding of Biblical Inerrancy</i>
Sunday	Oct 8	No Class or Reading Assignment
Sunday	Oct 15	Creation and Original Sin – Father Ignatius Reading: <i>Chapter 2: God: Our Loving Creator</i>
Sunday	Oct 22	Covenantal and Salvation History – Father Nathaniel Reading: <i>Handout – Rock Solid: Salvation History of Catholic Church</i>

ENTRANCE INTO CATECHUMENATE

Those who profess their faith in Jesus Christ and sincerely desire to enter the church celebrate with the worshipping assembly the beginning of their journey of faith. They accept the way of Jesus, receive the sign of the cross of Christ and join in the liturgy of the word of God.

Rites of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens And of Welcoming of Candidates

Sunday	Oct 29	Attend 10:00 Mass for the Combined <u>Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming</u>: Presentation of Bible Spotlight on the Saints -- <u>Movie: Ocean of Mercy</u> No Reading Assignment
Wednesday	Nov 1	Solemnity: All Saints Day - Holy day of Obligation
Sunday	Nov 5	The Incarnation of Christ – Tom Pernice Reading: <i>Chapter 3: Jesus Lord and Messiah</i>
Sunday	Nov 12	The Redemption and Resurrection of Christ – Rich Neuland Reading: <i>Chapter 4: Jesus: Teacher and Savior</i>
Sunday	Nov 19	The Holy Spirit and The Most Holy Trinity – Rae-Mi Leroy Reading: <i>Chapter 5: The Holy Spirit: The Power of Love; Chapter 6: The Blessed Trinity: Unity in Community</i>
Sunday	Nov 26	No Class or Reading Assignment

CATECHUMENATE PERIOD

Along with their sponsors for the journey, catechumens celebrate the liturgy of the word each Sunday, receive anointing, participate in prayers of exorcism and blessing and take part in the mission of the church to the world. During these months or years in the catechumenate, catechumens discover the love and power of God in their lives and in the church. This is also the time to begin thinking of whom you would like as Godparents.

Sunday	Dec 3	1 st Sunday of Advent The Church in God's Plan & Its Four Marks – Tom Pernice Reading: <i>Chapter 7: People of God: The Christian Community;</i> <i>Chapter 8: The Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic</i>
Friday	Dec 8	Solemnity: Immaculate Conception – Holy day of Obligation
Sunday	Dec 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent The Attributes of the Church: Authority, Infallibility and Indefectibility – Rich Neuland Reading: Handout -- <i>On the Attributes of the Church</i>
Sunday	Dec 17	3 rd Sunday of Advent The Communion of Saints – Vince Delgado Reading: Handout – <i>All in the Family: The Communion of the Saints</i>
Sunday	Dec 24	4 th Sunday of Advent No Class or Reading Assignment
Monday	Dec 25	Solemnity: Christmas – Holy day of Obligation
Sunday	Dec 31	The Blessed Virgin Mary – Gene Fazio Reading: <i>Chapter 10: The Communion of the Saints & The Blessed Mother</i>
Monday	Jan 1	Solemnity: Mary Mother of God – Holy day of Obligation
Sunday	Jan 7	Great Conversion Stories – Tom Pernice No Reading Assignment
Sunday	Jan 14	The Liturgy: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – Deacon Dennis Reading: <i>Chapter 12: Celebrating the Paschal Mystery through Liturgy and the Sacraments</i>
Sunday	Jan 21	Spotlight on Saints: Movie – Solanus Casey No Reading Assignment

PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT

Sunday	Jan 28	Sin – Rae-Mi Leroy Readings: <i>Chapter 20: The Christian Call to Holiness; Chapter 21: First 3 Commandments (Love of God); Chapter 22: Last 7 Commandments (Love of Neighbor)</i>
Sunday	Feb 4	Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation – Gene Fazio Reading: <i>Chapter 13: Two Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation</i>
Sunday	Feb 11	Sacrament of the Eucharist – Francis Ingallina Reading: <i>Chapter 14: The Eucharist</i>

PERIOD OF PURIFICATION (Lent)

This is a time of intense preparation centered on the word of God, the creed, the Lord's Prayer and evangelical action. The catechumens and candidates experience the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in their own lives. If there is a parish mission or retreat, the catechumens and candidates will be encouraged to attend.

Wednesday Feb 14 Ash Wednesday - Fast and Abstinence

Sunday	Feb 18	1 st Sunday of Lent: Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick -- Father Ignatius Reading: <i>Chapter 15: The Sacraments of Healing: Penance and the Anointing of the Sick</i>
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RITE OF ELECTION, ENROLLMENT OF NAMES AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

*This is a liturgical rite celebrated in **Phoenix**, in which the bishop formally acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens and calls them to the sacraments of initiation. The elect respond by expressing their desire for these sacraments. The date and specific church are TBA.*

Penance Service (during the month of March)

Sunday	Feb 25	2 nd Sunday of Lent Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders – Vince Delgado Reading: <i>Chapter 16: Sacraments ... Holy Orders; Chapter 17: Sacraments... Matrimony</i>
Sunday	Mar 3	3 RD Sunday of Lent: First Scrutiny Prayer – Father Nathaniel Reading: <i>Chapter 23: Christian Prayer; Chapter 24: The Lord's Prayer</i>

Sunday	Mar 10	4 th Sunday of Lent: Second Scrutiny The Ten Commandments & Practicum to prepare for Confession -- Tom Pernice Reading: Handout: <i>Examination of Conscience</i>
Sunday	Mar 17	5 th Sunday of Lent: Third Scrutiny Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory – Tom Pernice Reading: <i>Chapter 11: The Last Things</i>
Sunday	Mar 24	Palm Sunday Practicum to prepare for Holy Communion and Preparation for Initiation -- Tom Pernice Reading: Handout – <i>Reception of Holy Communion</i>
Thursday	Mar 28	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of the Feet Attendance required
Friday	Mar 29	Good Friday service - Fast and Abstinence Attendance expected
Saturday	Mar 30	Easter Vigil Mass – attendance required - You will be receiving the “SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION” this evening.
Sunday	Mar 31	Easter Sunday No Class

MYSTAGOGIA

Mystagogia is the period following Easter in which the Christian initiated and newly baptized persons receive additional catechesis and participate fully with the faithful in the Eucharistic life and in the mission of the Church.

Sunday	April 7	Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration (in addition to Mass) St. Jean Vianney: 3:00 P.M.
Sunday	April 14	Lunch after 10:00 A.M. Mass at Coffee Pot Restaurant Informal reflection on The Easter Vigil
Sunday	April 21	TBA