

OCIA Syllabus 2025-2026

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process by which one becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

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Texts: *Compendium of the Catholic Church (Compendium)*
Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Recommended: magnificat.net for daily Bible readings and meditations,
FORMED: <https://formed.org/signup>
(Sign up for FREE! Start typing "St Raymond" and select our parish from the drop down.)

Where: Maurer Room
off the parish offices

When: Mondays 7:00-8:15 pm

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Inclement weather decisions will be in accord with the St. Raymond Parish announcements.
You will be subscribed to these email notifications by the parish staff.

Please note: Under "Weekly Reading" numbers refer to paragraph numbers, not page numbers.

Date	Topic	Weekly Reading	Instructor
September 8	Introduction: Faith & Reason Man made for Freedom	<i>Compendium</i> 363-366 CCC 1730-1748	Father Bergida
September 15	Who is God? How do we know God?	<i>Compendium</i> 1-5 CCC 26-49	Father Bergida
September 22	The Sources of Revelation: Sacred Scripture & Tradition	<i>Compendium</i> 6-32 CCC 50-197	Father Bergida
September 29	The Holy Trinity & God, the Father and Creator	<i>Compendium</i> 33-50 CCC 198-278	Father Bergida
October 6	Creation, the Fall, and Preparation for the Savior	<i>Compendium</i> 51-78 CCC 279-421	Father Bergida
October 13	NO CLASS Columbus Day		
October 20	Jesus Christ-Son of God, Lord and Savior-Incarnation	<i>Compendium</i> 79-104 CCC 422-534	Father Bergida
October 27	Jesus Christ-Son of God, Lord and Savior- Redemption	<i>Compendium</i> 105-135 CCC 535-667	Father Bergida

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November 3	The Holy Spirit and the Early Church	<i>Compendium</i> 136–146 CCC 683–747	Father Bergida
November 10	The Catholic Church	<i>Compendium</i> 147–193 CCC 748–945	Father Bergida
November 17	The Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell, and the Resurrection	<i>Compendium</i> 202–217 CCC 668–682 988–1065	Father Bergida
November 24	Mary and the Saints	<i>Compendium</i> 194–199 CCC 946–987	John Crennan
December 1	Introduction to Sacraments Baptism and Confirmation	<i>Compendium</i> 218–270 CCC 1066–1209 1210–1321	Father Bergida
December 8	NO CLASS Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation	Mass at 7 p.m. (<i>See our website for other Mass times.</i>)
December 15	The Holy Eucharist	<i>Compendium</i> 271–294 CCC 1322–1344	Father Bergida
December 22	NO CLASS Have a Merry Christmas!		<i>See our website for Christmas Mass times.</i>
December 29	NO CLASS Happy New Year!		<i>See our website for Mary, Mother of God Mass times.</i>
January 5	Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick	<i>Compendium</i> 200–201 295–320 354–356 CCC 1420–1532 1680–1690	Father Bergida
January 12	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass	<i>Compendium</i> 271 – 294 (Review) CCC 1345–1419	Father De Celles Meet in Church Class from 7-9 p.m.
January 19	NO CLASS Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
January 26	Sacraments of Vocation: Marriage and Holy Orders	<i>Compendium</i> 321–350 CCC 1533–1666	Father Bergida

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February 2	The Good Life: Happiness and the Beatitudes, Freedom and Moral Acts, Conscience, Virtues, Gifts, Fruits and Common Good	<i>Compendium</i> 357–414 CCC 1691–1948	Father Bergida
February 9	Law and Grace The 1 st -3 rd Commandments	<i>Compendium</i> 415–428 434–454 CCC 1949–2029 2052–2195	John Crennan
February 16	NO CLASS Presidents Day		
February 18	Ash Wednesday	Ashes distributed at all Masses. You may receive them.	<i>See our website or bulletin for full schedule of Masses.</i>
February 23	The 4 th and 5 th Commandments	<i>Compendium</i> 455–486 CCC 2196–2330	Steve Donohue
March 2	The 6 th and 9 th Commandments	<i>Compendium</i> 487–502 527–530 CCC 2331–2400 2514–2533	Father Bergida
March 9	The 7 th and 10 th Commandments	<i>Compendium</i> 503–520 531–533 CCC 2401–2463 2534–2557	John Crennan
March 16	The 8 th Commandment Precepts of the Church	<i>Compendium</i> 521–526 429–433 CCC 2464–2513 2030–2051	Father Bergida
March 23	Assessment for those entering the Church		Father De Celles & Father Bergida
March 30	Rehearsal for those being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil	<i>Confessions Available</i>	Father De Celles & Father Bergida

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April 2	Holy Thursday		Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
April 3	Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
April 4	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil		Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm <u>MANDATORY ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Please arrive by 7:45 pm</u>
April 6	NO CLASS Happy Easter Monday!		
April 13	The Spiritual Life: Prayer, Devotions, and Sacramentals	<i>Compendium</i> 351-353 534-577 CCC 1667-1679 2558-2865	Steve Donohue
April 20	Closing Reception/Invitation to Parish Groups		Guest Speakers

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