



**Espiritu Santo**

## **OCIA / RCIA SCHEDULE & TOPICS**

### **Following 10:30AM Mass Sundays**

*(Rites / Retreats & other enrichment opportunities will have varied schedules)*

#### **INQUIRY PERIOD**

##### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

10, 17, 24

#### **EVANGELIZATION / PRE-CATECHUMENATE**

##### **OCTOBER 2023**

01 – Unpacking Faith Desires & Questions

08 – Continuing to Unpack, Welcome, Build

15 – Four Pillars of Faith, w/ a Little H.E.L.P. (JC)

22 – Our Profession of Faith: Laying a Firm Foundation: Transmitting Faith

29 – Rite of Welcome / Acceptance  
9:00AM Mass

#### **CATECHUMENATE**

##### **NOVEMBER 2023**

05 – Human Desire, Revelation, Faith

12 – Scripture and Tradition (AH)

**19 – Thanksgiving (Off)**

26 – Advent, New “Year” Has Begun! (RL)

##### **DECEMBER 2023**

03 – The Church, Mary, Saints, Eternity

**08 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (many Mass opportunities for this beautiful Holy Day) (BL)

10 – Express Faith: Worship & Liturgy (AH)

17 – Church Tour

**24, 31 – Christmas Break (Off)**

##### **JANUARY 2023**

07 – Mass / Lord’s Prayer

14 – Sacraments of *Initiation* (BL)

21 – Sacraments of *Healing / Human Dignity, Sin, Mercy*

28 – Sacraments of *Service and Communion*

##### **FEBRUARY 2024**

04 – Commandments, Beatitudes, Virtues, Works of Mercy, Social Justice (JC)

11 – Prayer, Forms of Prayer, Lenten Practices (RL)

**14 – Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins**

#### **PERIOD OF PURIFICATION / ENLIGHTENMENT**

**18 – Noon Mass - Rite of Sending**

**18 - Rite of Election, Call to Continuing Conversion – Cathedral 3:00PM**

25 – Trinity

##### **MARCH 2024**

**03 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent - First Scrutiny  
Woman at the Well**

**10 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent - Second Scrutiny  
Man Born Blind**

**17 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent - Third Scrutiny  
Raising of Lazarus**

**24 – Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)**

\*During Holy Week (Dates TBA) =

Presentation of Lord’s Prayer,  
Preparation Rites, Recitation of the Creed,  
Ephphetha Rite, Rehearsal

26 – Chrism Mass Cathedral

28 – Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper

29 – Good Friday

**30 – Holy Saturday ... The GREAT  
Easter Vigil! Sunset**

**31 – Easter Sunday, Jesus Has Risen!**

## ***Mystagogy 2024***

Weeks of April 7<sup>th</sup> (Divine Mercy Sunday),  
April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>,  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> (**Pentecost Sunday**) –  
dates / times TBA

mystagogy is  
initiation into that which  
is not yet fully revealed.

Many of us think of mystagogy as the final period of the catechumenal process, occurring in the 50 days after the Easter Triduum. It is, however, a *much broader reality*. We need to shift our thinking a bit. Mystagogy is not only for the 50 days, but for all our days. From the very beginning, our encounters should be mystagogical. Mystagogy should primarily be a liturgical experience that takes place in the midst of the Sunday assembly. The neophytes might be gathered a few times in the Easter season, specifically to remember and explore the experience of their initiation at the Vigil. But the systematic, catechetical process of the catechumenate ended when Lent began. Now the hope is for the neophytes to enter into the ongoing adult faith formation process. And that process is, of course, mystagogical. GOALS FOR MYSTAGOGY GATHERINGS:

- An experience of Christ in the celebration of the Sunday liturgy.
- An exploration of that experience deepened by conversation and reflection.
- A continued connection with sponsor and others who have been supportive on the journey thus far.
- A desire to continue to grow in faith enrichment, knowledge ... and practically live out the teachings of the faith. Translation – understanding, compassion, service, love.
- ***“Faith is either missionary or it is not faith. If I say that I am a Christian and I live like a pagan, it does not work!” Our Holy Father Pope Francis***