



Espiritu Santo

OCIA / RCIA SCHEDULE & TOPICS **Following 10:30AM Mass Sundays**

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

INQUIRY PERIOD

AUGUST 17, 24

SEPTEMBER 7, 14

EVANGELIZATION / PRE-CATECHUMENATE

SEPTEMBER

21 – Unpacking Faith Desires & Questions

28 – Continuing to Unpack, Welcome, Build

OCTOBER

05 – Four Pillars of Faith, w/ a Little H.E.L.P.

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

19 – Rite of Welcome / Acceptance

CATECHUMENATE BEGINS

26 – Human Desire, Revelation, Faith

NOVEMBER

2 – All Souls' Day (no session)

9 – Mass, Parts & Meaning

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23 – Advent Lesson, a New “Year”

30 – Thanksgiving Weekend (No OCIA)

DECEMBER

07 – The Church, Mary, Saints, Eternity

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

14 – Express Faith: Worship & Liturgy

21 – Church Tour (following **12:00Noon Mass**) *Scripture / Tradition enrichment*

28 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph. Christmas Break (No OCIA)

JANUARY

04 – Epiphany Sun. ***Sacraments Overview***

11 – Baptism of the Lord Sacraments of ***Initiation***

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

25 – Sacraments of ***Service and Communion***

FEBRUARY

01 – Commandments, Beatitudes, Virtues, Works of Mercy, Social Justice

08 – Trinity

15 – Lenten Practices

18 – Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins

PERIOD OF PURIFICATION / ENLIGHTENMENT

22 – Noon Mass - Rite of Sending

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

MARCH

01 – Prayer, Forms of Prayer

08 – 3rd Sunday Lent - First Scrutiny

Woman at the Well – 10:30AM Mass

15 – 4th Sunday Lent - Second Scrutiny

Man Born Blind – 10:30AM Mass

22 - 5th Sunday Lent - Third Scrutiny

Raising of Lazarus – 10:30AM Mass

29 – Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)

**During Holy Week (Dates TBA) =*

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

31 – Chrism Mass – Cathedral

APRIL

02 – Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

03 – Good Friday

04 – Holy Saturday ... The GREAT Easter Vigil! Sunset

05 – Easter Sunday, Jesus Has Risen!

Mystagogia 2026

Weeks of (day / time during each week
TBD) April 12th (Divine Mercy Sunday),
April 19th, April 26th, May 3rd, May 10th,
(Mother's Day), May 17th, (Ascension
Observed) May 24th, (Pentecost Sunday)

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

Many of us think of mystagogia 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. Mystagogia is not only for the 50 days, but for all our days. From the very beginning, our encounters should be mystagogical. Mystagogia 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 MYSTAGOGIA 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***