



2025-26 OCIA Schedule

Holy Cross (HC) + Mother of Sorrows (MOS) + St. Charles Borromeo (SCB) + St. Lawrence (SL)

Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. We will rotate church locations each month.

Date	Session Topics, Readings and Optional Supplemental Videos
October 8 th (HC)	Welcome to OCIA! Overview of the program, introduction of the team, participant introductions
October 15 th (HC)	Catholic Church Tour – Read: Q1, C1, Q11 <i>Virtual Church Tour:</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ic6damkPw88
October 22 nd (HC)	Our Quest for God – Read: Chapters 1-2 <i>“Is faith foolish?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/901608 <i>“I Am Who I Am”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1962359
October 29 th (HC)	Divine Revelation and the Response of Faith – Read: Chapters 3-4 <i>“Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582370
November 5 th (SCB)	God the Father, Creation and the Fall of Man – Read: Chapters 5-6 <i>“I Believe in God, the Father Almighty”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279564 <i>“The Lord our God is One”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1962358
November 12 th (SCB)	Jesus Christ: Our Savior and the Story of Salvation – Read: Chapters 7-8 <i>“The Story of Salvation”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582373 <i>“Who is Jesus?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582374
November 19 th (SCB)	The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace – Chapter 9 <i>“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279559 <i>“The Gifts of the Holy Spirit”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3465441
November 25 th	NO SESSION – THANKSGIVING EVE
December 3 rd (MOS)	We Pray to the Lord – Read: Chapters 35-36 <i>“Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/576431 <i>“Understanding the Lord’s Prayer”</i> (audio) - https://app.formed.org/app/audios/582691
December 10 th (MOS)	The Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic – Read: Chapters 10-11 <i>“Why a Church?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/996017 <i>“Why Do I Need the Church?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582376
December 17 th (MOS)	A Brief History of the Church – Read: C11, C12

December 24 th	NO SESSION – CHRISTMAS EVE
December 31 st	NO SESSION – NEW YEAR EVE
January 7 th (SL)	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Catholic Liturgies – Read: Chapter 14 <i>“Walk Through the Mass”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582381 <i>“A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass”</i> (audio) - https://app.formed.org/app/audios/582329
January 14 th (SL)	Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation – Read: Chapters 15-16 <i>“The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582379
January 21 st (SL)	Sacraments of Initiation: The Holy Eucharist – Read: Chapter 17 <i>“The Body and Blood of Christ”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279557 <i>“Source and Summit”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/576485
January 28 th (SL)	Sacraments of Service: Matrimony & Holy Orders – Read: Chapters 20-21 <i>“Matrimony and Holy Orders”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582383
February 4 th (HC)	A Catholic Moral Vision Ten Commandments: Love of God – Read: Chapters 23-27 <i>“A Catholic Moral Vision”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582384
February 11 th (HC)	A Catholic Moral Vision Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor – Read: Chapters 28-29, 31-32, 34
February 18 th	NO SESSION – ASH WEDNESDAY
February 25 th (HC)	Catholic Social Teaching and the Dignity of the Human Person – Read: C14, C15, C16 <i>“Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilization of Love”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582387 <i>“C.S.T.: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582388
March 4 th (SCB)	The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell – Read: Chapter 13 <i>“The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582378
Sunday, March 8th @ Time TBA	First Scrutiny – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
March 11 th (SCB)	Sacraments of Healing: Penance – Read: Chapter 18 <i>“Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God’s Mercy”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582382
Sunday, March 15th @ Time TBA	Second Scrutiny – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
March 18 th (SCB)	Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick – Read: Chapter 19 First Penance and First Holy Communion Practicum
Sunday, March 22nd @ Time TBA	Third Scrutiny – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
March 25 th (SCB)	Mary and the Communion of Saints – Read: Chapter 12 <i>“Mary and the Communion of Saints”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582377

April 1 st (SL)	The Paschal Mystery – Holy Week and Easter – Read: E5, E7 <i>“The Paschal Mystery”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582372
Saturday, April 4th @ Sunset	Easter Vigil: Initiation of the Elect (Sunset) – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
April 8 th	NO SESSION – EASTER OCTAVE
April 15 th (SL)	Mystagogy – Lifelong Conversion and Call to Holiness- Read: M1-M5 <i>“Holiness Isn’t Just for Saints”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3776040
April 22 nd (SL)	Mystagogy – Living the Christian Virtues – Read: M6 <i>“Faith, Hope and Charity”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279550 <i>“The Art of Living” (series of six videos on virtue)</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2009323
April 29 th (SL)	Mystagogy – Catholic Devotions and Sacramentals – Read: Chapter 22 <i>“Sacramentals and Popular Devotions”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/573197
May 6 th (MOS)	Mystagogy – Theology of the Body – Read: Chapters 30, 33 <i>“A Love that Lasts: God’s Plan for Sexuality”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582386
May 13 th (MOS)	Mystagogy – The Mission of Evangelization – Read: M8
May 20 th (MOS)	Mystagogy – Go Forth! Become involved in the life of the Church

Important notes:

- There will be additional rites with required attendance (e.g. the Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming, Rite of Sending, Rite of Election) which will be announced later.
- Please complete the readings prior to the upcoming session. The chapters are found in the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* book which you receive at the start of the program. The handouts (e.g. Q1, C11, M8) are found in your binders.
- The Formed videos in *italics* are **optional** supplemental material for those who wish to go deeper and learn even more about the Catholic Faith.

Locations of our four churches where we will be holding our sessions:

- Holy Cross – 4492 Lake Ave, Rochester, NY 14612
- Mother of Sorrows – 5000 Mt Read Blvd, Rochester, NY 14612
- St. Charles Borromeo – 3003 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14616
- St. Lawrence – 1000 N Greece Rd, Rochester, NY 14626

If you have any questions before, during or after the OCIA program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at james.sarkis@dor.org or call (585) 663-8000 ext. 1. We are here to help you throughout your journey of becoming Catholic, and beyond.