

**Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**  
**March 7, 2025 6:00pm❖ Saint Anthony, Imperial**  
***Outline of Order of Service***

**5:50pm:** Ceremony Begins-Welcome Announcement  
Preludes: [\*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship\*](#) (Brian Doerksen);  
[\*Open My Eyes/Abre Mis Ojos\*](#) (Manibussan)

**6:00pm:** ***Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion***  
Processional Hymn: [\*Our God is Here/Dios Esta Aqui\*](#) (Muglia, Diaz)  
Greeting and Opening Prayer  
Reading: **Romans 5:12, 17-19**  
Responsorial Psalm: [\*Salmo 24 \(25\): A Ti, Señor/To You, O Lord\*](#), (Hurd)  
Gospel Acclamation : *Praise to You, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory*, Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Hurd)  
Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**  
Gospel Acclamation (repeated)  
(All are seated following the acclamation.)  
Homily

• †**Celebration of Election**†

**Presentation of the Catechumens**

- **ALL** Catechumens and their godparents will be invited to **STAND**.

**Affirmation by the Godparents and the Assembly** (OCIA, 552B)

- The Bishop first addresses the **Godparents** to determine whether the Catechumens are sufficiently prepared for this important step.  
The Godparent's response to the **THREE** questions of the Bishop is: ***THEY HAVE***.
- The Bishop then addresses the **Assembly** asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Catechumens.  
Assembly's response is: ***WE ARE***.

**Questioning and Petitioning of the Catechumens** (OCIA, 553)

- Next, the Bishop addresses the **Catechumens** as to their intention to participate in the Easter Sacraments:  
*Is it your will to be initiated into Christ's Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist?*  
**Catechumens: *IT IS***.
- Please be seated

**Presenting the Names of Those Seeking Initiation** (The Books of the Elect are brought forward)

**Reception or Election** (OCIA, 554)

- Catechumens and their godparents please **STAND**.
- The Bishop now formally declares the Catechumens as members of the Elect in these words:  
*You have been chosen for Initiation into the sacred mysteries at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.*  
**Elect: *THANKS BE TO GOD!***
- The Bishop asks Godparents to place their hand on the shoulder of the Elect they are receiving into their care.
- **Sung Acclamation of Assent** *Bendito sea Dios, O blessed be Our God!*
- All are then **SEATED**.

## †Calling to Continuing Conversion†

### Presentation of the Candidates

- All Candidates and their Sponsors will be invited to **STAND**

### Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly (OCIA, 556B)

- The Bishop first addresses the **Sponsors** to determine whether the Candidates are sufficiently prepared for this important step.  
The **Sponsor's** response to the **FOUR** questions of the Bishop is: ***THEY HAVE.***
- The Bishop then addresses the **Assembly** asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Candidates.  
**Assembly's** response is: ***WE ARE.***

### Act of Recognition (OCIA, 557)

- The Bishop now formally recognizes the **Candidates** in these words:  
*The Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.*  
**Candidates: *THANKS BE TO GOD!***
- The Bishop asks Sponsors to place their hand on the shoulder of the Candidate they are receiving into their care.
- Sung Acclamation of Assent *Bendito sea Dios, O blessed be Our God!*

All are invited to STAND for the Intercessions

**Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates:** *Bilingual Intercessions*, Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Hurd)

**Prayer over the Elect and Candidates**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Recessional Hymn:**

[\*Take Up Your Cross\*](#), (Cortez)