



Office for  
Liturgy & Spirituality

## **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2026**

### **RITE FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE (OCIA, 41-47)**

The date must be selected by the Pastor and the Initiation Coordinator after the period of evangelization and pre-catechumenate. (OCIA, 36-40)

### **ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

#### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

##### **RITE OF SENDING CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION AND CANDIDATES FOR THE CALLING TO CONTINUING CONVERSION (OCIA, 530-546)**

The Rite of Sending is celebrated in the parish at a suitable time prior to the Rite of Election (ROE). (OCIA, 533) Consider celebrating it on the First Sunday of Lent, February 22nd as usual. It allows for the celebration of the Penitential Rite on the Second Sunday. The catechumens sign the Book of the Elect during the Rite of Sending or at another time prior to the ROE. (OCIA, 113)

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2026**

**PENITENTIAL RITE** – for baptized adults preparing for Confirmation and the Eucharist or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

##### **RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION (OCIA, 547-561)**

Diocesan Rite: Jenny Craig Pavilion, Sunday, 3:00pm

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 8, 2026**

##### **FIRST SCRUTINY (OCIA, 150-156)**

HANDING ON OF THE CREED (OCIA, 157-163) (During the Third Week of Lent)

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 15, 2026**

##### **SECOND SCRUTINY (OCIA, 164-170)**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 22, 2026**

##### **THIRD SCRUTINY (OCIA, 171-177)**

HANDING ON OF THE LORD'S PRAYER (OCIA, 178-184) (During the Fifth Week of Lent)

#### **HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026**

rites of immediate preparation (OCIA, 185-205) (HOLY SATURDAY MORNING)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (OCIA, 206-243) (VIGIL MASS)

#### **EASTER APRIL 5, 2026**