

**Rite of Election of Catechumens and of  
Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion  
March 1, 2026 3:00pm  
Jenny Craig Pavilion, USD  
Outline of Order of Service**

**2:45pm: Ceremony Begins-Welcome Announcement**

Preludes: [Open My Eyes/Abre Mis Ojos](#) (Manibussan)  
[Sa'yo Lamang/Yours Alone](#) (Fr Manoling V Francisco SJ)  
[Tâm Tình Hiến Dâng/ A Gift of Love](#) (Oanh Sông Lam, translation: Zaragoza, OFM)  
[Quiero Decirte Que Si](#), (Gabaráin)

**3:00pm: Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**

Processional Hymn: [Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior/Te Alabamos, Jesucristo](#) (Farrell)

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Reading 1: [Genesis 12:1-4a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Salmo 24 \(25\): A Ti, Señor/To You, O Lord](#), (Bob Hurd)

Reading 2: [2 Timothy 1:8b-10](#)

Gospel Acclamation : [Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, Mass of St. Ann](#), (Ed Bolduc)

Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

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 Elect are brought forward)**

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

- **ALL** 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:** *Multilingual Intercessions* from Spirit and Grace,  
(English, Filipino, Vietnamese, Spanish), (Manalo, CSP)

**Prayer over the Elect and Candidates**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Recessional Hymn:** [\*Christ Be Our Light/Se Nuestra Luz\*](#) (Farrell)