



October 2025

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. Oct. 2, 2025	Session 1: God Is Love - The Trinity and the Virtue of Faith Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Opening the Word to start all sessions● 6:30-8:00pm● US Cat, Ch. 1-2 and 4-5● ACM Cat, p. 50, 84, 74 and 154● CF Handbook, Ch. 1 and Ch. 3● Love Unveiled, Ch. 1● Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 1● Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 1 (20 minutes)
Thurs. Oct. 9, 2025	Session 2: Prayer Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● US Cat, Ch. 35-36● ACM Cat, p. 94, 48 and 148● CF Handbook, Ch. 3-34● Love Unveiled, Ch. 16● Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 27
Thurs. Oct. 16, 2025	Session 3: Divine Revelation Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● US Cat, Ch. 3● ACM Cat, p. 66, 132● CF Handbook, Ch. 2● Love Unveiled – Ch. 2● Open Wide the Doors to Christ, Ch. 2● Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 2 (32 minutes)
Thurs. Oct. 23, 2025	Session 4: The Bible and the Story of Salvation Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● US Cat, 6● ACM Cat, p. 134, 144, 62, 118 and 156● CF Handbook, Ch. 3 and 5● Love Unveiled, Ch. 3● Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 3-4● Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 3 (33 minutes) and 4 (34 minutes)
Sun. Oct. 26, 2025	<i>Rite of Entrance / Welcoming</i>	
Thurs. Oct. 30, 2025	<i>Opening the Word and A Walk through the Mass</i> Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meet in Church



November 2025

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Thurs. Nov. 6, 2025	Session 5: Who is Jesus? Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 7• ACM Cat, p. 142, 92, 136 and 98• CF Handbook, Ch. 7 and 8• Love Unveiled, Ch. 4• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 5 and 6• Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 5 (33 minutes)
Thurs. Nov. 13, 2025	Session 6: The Paschal Mystery Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 8• ACM Cat, p. 120 and 136• CF Handbook, Ch. 9• Love Unveiled, Ch. 5• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 7• Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 6 (33 minutes)
Thurs. Nov. 20, 2025	Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the Church Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 9-11• ACM Cat, p. 56, 80, 90 and 114• CF Handbook, Ch. 10-12• Love Unveiled, Ch. 6-7• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 8-9• Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 7 (37 minutes) and Session 8 (44 minutes)
Thurs. Nov. 27, 2025	NO SESSION – Thanksgiving	



December 2025

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. Dec. 4, 2025	Session 9: Mary and the Saints Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 12• ACM Cat, p. 52 and 58• Love Unveiled, Ch. 8• Open Wide the Doors, Ch.10 and 11• Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 9 (36 minutes)•
Thurs. Dec. 11, 2025	Session 10: The Last Things Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 13• ACM Cat, p. 78• CF Handbook, Ch. 13• Love Unveiled, Ch. 9• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 12• Symbolon: Part 1 – Session 10 (40 minutes)
Thurs. Dec. 18, 2025	Session 11: Introduction to the Sacraments, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 14-16• ACM Cat, p. 128, 46, 60, 102 and 130• CF Handbook, Ch. 14-17• Love Unveiled, Ch. 10• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 13-15• Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 1 (41 minutes)
Thurs. Dec. 25, 2025	NO SESSION – Christmas	



January 2026

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. Jan. 1, 2026	NO SESSION – New Year's Day	
Thurs. Jan. 8, 2026	Session 12: The Eucharist – The Source and Summit of the Christian Life Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 17• ACM Cat, p. 70, 72, 104 and 108• CF Handbook, Ch. 18• Love Unveiled, Ch. 11• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 16• Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 2 (38 minutes)
Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026	Session 13: The Sacraments of Healing Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 18-19• ACM Cat, p. 126, 44 and 112• CF Handbook, Ch. 19• Love Unveiled, Ch. 13• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 19-20• Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 4 (45 minutes)
Thurs. Jan. 22, 2026	Session 14: The Sacraments of Service Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Approx. one month to the Rite of Election. Meet with Catechumens individually, assess desire and readiness to move forward.</i>• US Cat, Ch. 20-22• ACM Cat, p. 110, 88 and 160• CF Handbook, Ch. 20• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 21-22• Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 5 (42 minutes)
Thurs. Jan. 29, 2026	Session 15: A Catholic Moral Worldview (Morality Session 1) Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, Ch. 23-27 and 32• ACM Cat, p. 54, 82, 76, 116, 86, 146 and 159• CF Handbook, Ch. 21 and 30• Love Unveiled, Ch. 14• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 18• Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 6 (47 minutes)



February 2026

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. Feb. 5, 2026	Session 16: Authentic Love (Morality Session 2) Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">US Cat, Ch. 28, 30 and 33ACM Cat, p. 100, 158CF Handbook, Ch. 27Love Unveiled, Ch. 15Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 23Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 7 (20 minutes) and Session 8 (37 minutes)
Thurs. Feb. 12, 2026	Introduction to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Opening the WordPrayer, Fasting and AlmsgivingExplain the Rite of SendingExplain the Rite of ElectionExplain the Scrutinies
Wed. Feb. 18, 2026	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
Thurs. Feb. 19, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 1 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lectio Divina (ie. Extended Opening the Word)Topic: Temptation in the DesertThemes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Deceptions of the DevilProtection from TemptationStrength in Christ
Sun. Feb. 22, 2026	<i>Rite of Sending</i> <i>Rite of Election and the Calling to Continuing Conversion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Rite of Sending takes place in the <i>parish</i> during Sunday MassThe Rite of Election / Calling to Continuing Conversion takes place at the <i>Cathedral</i>
Thurs. Feb. 26, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 2 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prep Candidates for the Sacrament of ReconciliationLectio DivinaTopic: The Transfiguration of the LordThemes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">ConversionTransformation in ChristLife in ChristVirtue/Beatitudes
Sat. Feb. 28, 2025	OCIA Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. John Neumann, E. Freetown9:00am-2:00pm



March 2026

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. March 5, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 3 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review for the 1st Scrutiny● Lectio Divina● Topic: The Woman at the Well● Themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Reality of Our Sin○ The Desire for Salvation○ The Healing Effects of Grace
Sun. March 8, 2026	<u>1st Scrutiny</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3rd Sunday of Lent
Thurs. March 12, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 4 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review for the 2nd Scrutiny● <u>Rite of Handing on the Creed</u>● Lectio Divina● Topic: The Man Born Blind● Themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Perseverance in Faith○ Reliance on Christ○ The Light of Faith vs. the Darkness of Sin
Sun. March 15, 2026	<u>2nd Scrutiny</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 4th Sunday of Lent
Thurs. March 19, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 5 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review for the 3rd Scrutiny● Lectio Divina● Topic: The Raising of Lazarus● Themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reliance on God's Providence○ The Triumph of Christ's Mercy○ Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance
Sun. March 22, 2026	<u>3rd Scrutiny</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 5th Sunday of Lent
Thurs. March 26, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 6 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review for the Easter Vigil● <u>Rite of Handing on the Lord's Prayer</u>● Lectio Divina● Topic: Palm Sunday● Themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Passion of Christ○ Dying to Self○ Accepting the Will of God



Sun. March 29, 2026	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
Tues. March 31, 2026	<i>Chrism Mass (4:00pm)</i>	

April 2026

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. April 2, 2026	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00pm)
Fri. April 3, 2026	<i>Good Friday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Service of the Lord's Passion (7:00pm)</i>
Sat. April 4, 2026	<i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil and Rites of Immediate Preparation (10:00am)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Easter Vigil (7:30pm)</i>
Thurs. April 9, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 1 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening the Word• Easter Celebration• Vigil Debrief
Thurs. April 16, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 2 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening the Word
Thurs. April 23, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 3 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening the Word
Thurs. April 30, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 4 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening the Word



May 2026

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
Thurs. May 7, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 5 Catechist: Support:	Catholic Social Teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Cat, 31 and 34• ACM Cat, p. 140• CF Handbook, Ch. 22-25• Love Unveiled, Ch. 15• Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 25• Symbolon: Part 2 – Session 9 (20 minutes)
Thurs. May 14, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 6 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening the Word
Thurs. May 21, 2026	Mystagogy: Session 7 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening the Word• Final Weekly Session• Sessions move to once per month moving forward (4th Sunday of the Month)
Sun. May 24, 2026	Pentecost	

OCIA Resources and Abbreviations

US Cat = U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCB)

ACM Cat = Association of Catechumenal Ministry: Catechist's Manual

Open Wide the Doors = Open Wide the Doors to Christ by Lucas Pollice (Book and Catechist's Manual)

CF Handbook = The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth by St. Mary's Press

Love Unveiled = Love Unveiled: The Catholic Faith Explained by Dr. Edward Sri

Symbolon = Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained (on Formed.Org)