



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><u>Rite of Entrance / Welcoming</u></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

Date	Session Title	Resources / Notes
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 33 • ACM Cat, p. 100, 158 • CF Handbook, Ch. 27 • Love Unveiled, Ch. 15 • Open Wide the Doors, Ch. 23 • Symbolon: 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 Word • Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving • Explain the Rite of Sending • Explain the Rite of Election • Explain 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 Desert • Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The Deceptions of the Devil ◦ Protection from Temptation ◦ Strength 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 <u>parish</u> during Sunday Mass • The Rite of Election / Calling to Continuing Conversion takes place at the <u>Cathedral</u>
Thurs. Feb. 26, 2026	Purification and Enlightenment: Session 2 Catechist: Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep Candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation • Lectio Divina • Topic: The Transfiguration of the Lord • Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Conversion ◦ Transformation in Christ ◦ Life in Christ ◦ Virtue/Beatitudes
Sat. Feb. 28, 2025	<i>OCIA Retreat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. John Neumann, E. Freetown • 9:00am-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	<u><i>Palm Sunday</i></u>	
Tues. March 31, 2026	<u><i>Chrism Mass (4:00pm)</i></u>	

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</i> (7:00pm)
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)
<u>Sun. May 24, 2026</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>	

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)