

2025-26 Catholic Adult Faith Experience (CAFE)
within the OCIA process

Required Books:

Bible

Catechism of the Catholic Church

What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed, Bishop Robert Barron

Note: These books are provided for people attending class

Media:

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Expectations of Participants

- Attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday at 4pm) once per week. Attending Mass is integral to life as a Catholic. Masses are on Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am and 5pm
 - To get an understanding of Catholic Worship please watch Formed.org **Symbolon: The Faith Explained Part 2** *Walk Through the Mass: Exploring Sacred Liturgy*
- Strive for at least 10 minutes of prayer per day to develop a relationship with Jesus who has called you to relationship with Him.
- Check your email at least weekly for emails from the OCIA Team. Email will be the primary means of communicating with you. We use a platform called Flocknote. The email will arrive in your inbox as **OCIA 2025-26 mail@flocknote.com**. If you do not see an email by Friday afternoon, please look in your spam for it. If it is not there, please let me know: jcoleman@stjosephfc.org
- Attend every class possible. Mark class dates in your calendar. Things do come up in our lives so if you cannot attend a class, please let me know and we can talk about what is needed.
 - Classes are Sundays at 9:30-10:30am in Meredith Hall with time after to talk in small groups regarding the subject at hand or questions you might have.
- Keep up with the study material to the best of your ability. This will help tremendously in your walk with the Lord.

Class Schedule

Please Note: Changes may be made to this schedule. You will be notified of any changes in advance. What won't change is the Holy Week schedule and the date you will become Catholic if it is your choice - Saturday, April 4, 2026.

September 14, 2025 -- Mark presents: **Believe It or Not**

- View on Formed: **Symbolon: The Faith of the Church Session 1: Seeking the Face of God**
- Read: **"What Christians Believe"** Chapter 1: I Believe pp. 1-11
- Catechism citing: CCC 26-53; 142-165

September 21, 2025 – Mark presents: **Creation and the Fall**

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part 1: The Faith Explained** -- *The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, and Redemption*
- Read: *"What Christians Believe"* Chapter 2: The Father pp. 12-22
- CATECHISM CITING:: CCC : 50-73; 279-324

September 29, 2025 – Mark presents: **Our Salvation Story**

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **The Faith of the Church** -- *Session 3: Creator of Heaven and Earth*
- Read: *"What Christians Believe"* Chapter 3: The Son, Section I. The Son of God pp. 23-41
- Catechism citing: CCC 355-422

October 5, 2025 – Chris presents: **Who is God? The Trinity Explained**

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part 1: The Faith Explained** -- *Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith and the God Who Is Love*
- **And/or**
- View on Formed: Symbolon: **The Faith of the Church** -- *Session 2: I Believe in God the Father Almighty; Session 4: I believe in Jesus Christ; Session 8: I believe in the Holy Spirit*
- Read: *"What Christians Believe"* Chapter 4: The Holy Spirit pp. 94-108
- Catechism citing: CCC 232-278

October 12, 2025 – Chris presents: **Who is Jesus?**

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **The Faith of the Church** -- *Session 5: His Only Son our Lord; Session 6: Born of the Virgin Mary; Session 7: He Suffered under Pontius Pilate*
- Read: *"What Christians Believe"* Chapter 3: The Son, II. The Son of Man pp. 41-43; III. The Descent; IV. The Rise pp. 53-79
- Catechism citing: CCC 422-494; 512-570

October 19, 2025 – Alexandria presents: How Do We Know All of This?

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part 1: The Faith Explained** -- *Divine Revelation: God seeking us & the Compass for our Lives*
- Read: “*What Christians Believe*” Chapter 5: The Church pp.109-127
- Catechism citing: CCC 74-100

October 26, 2025 – Jillian presents: Sacred Scripture

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part I: The Faith Explained** -- *The Bible: God’s Love Letter to Humanity*
- Catechism citing: CCC 101-141

October 26, 2025 at 11:30am Mass: Rites of Entrance and Welcome #1 (there are two opportunities to participate.

More information to come.

November 2, 2025 – Jillian presents: Are we Alone? Communion of Saints.

- Listen to: YouTube Catechism in a Year: Fr. Mike Schmitz
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WApD9oWKkHc>
- Catholic.com you can read this or listen to it.
<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-communion-of-saints>
- Catechism citing: CCC 328-354

November 9, 2025 – Mark presents: What’s the Big Deal About Mary?

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **The Faith of the Church** -- Session 9: *Mary, the Mother of God*
- Read: “*What Christians Believe*” Chapter 3: The Son, And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man pp. 43-53
- Catechism citing: CCC 495-511

November 16, 2025 – Chris presents: And in the End . . .

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part 1: The Faith Explained** -- *The Last Things: What happens when we die?*
- Read: “*What Christians Believe*” Chapter 3: The Son, IV: The Rise, pp. 71-94
- Catechism citing: CCC 988-1065

November 24, 2025 – Jeanette presents: The Liturgy

- Christ the King Sunday
- Catechism citing: CCC 1076-1199

December 1, 2025 – Thanksgiving Break – First Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 – Mark presents – Natural Law: The Ten Commandments

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part II: Living the Faith** -- *A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace, & the Path to Holiness*
- Catechism citing: CCC 1949-2557

December 7, 2025, at 11:30am Mass: Rite of Entrance and Welcome #2 (Final opportunity)

More information to come.

Monday, December 8, 2025 -- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

A Holy day of obligation Mass times 7am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm

December 14, 2025 – Jeanette Presents: Human Dignity and the 5th Commandment

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part II: Living the Faith** -- Catholic, Social Teaching: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person

December 21 and 28: Christmas Break

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026: Holy Day of Obligation: Mary Mother of God

Vigil: Sat. Dec. 31: 5:30pm; Jan. 1: 8am, 12:10pm, 7pm

January 4, 2026: Alexandria presents: Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part II: Living the Faith** -- *The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation*
- Catechism citing: CCC 1076-1321

January 11, 2026: Mark presents: Sacraments: The Eucharist

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part II: Living the Faith** -- *Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life*
- Catechism citing: CCC 1322-1419

January 18, 2026: “Round Table” Discussion

Bring with you questions and topics you want further information on

January 25, 2026: Alexandria presents: Healing Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part II: Living the Faith** -- *Penance and Anointing of the Sick: God’s Mercy Revealed*
- Catechism citing: CCC1420-1498; 1499-1532

February 1, 2026: Alexandria Presents: Sacraments: Marriage

- View on Formed: Symbolon: **Part II: Living the Faith** -- *Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service and Communion; and A Love that Lasts: God’s Plan for Sexuality*
- Catechism citing: CCC 1601-1666

February 9, 2026: Jillian presents: Sacraments: Holy Orders

- View on Formed: Symbolon Part II: Living the Faith -- *Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service and Communion*
- Catechism citing: CCC 1533-1600

February 15, 2026: Class Break

Wednesday, February 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday

Masses with Ashes: 7am, 12:10pm, 5:15pm and 7pm

February 22, 2026: TBD

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 11:00am: Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

March 1, 2026: TBD

March 8, 2026: TBD

March 15, 2026: TBD

March 22, 2026: Class Break

March 29, 2026: Mark presents – Holy Week: Meaning and Importance of each Day

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2, 2026: Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lords Supper 7:00 pm

Friday, April 3, 2026: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, 1:00pm: OCIA Practice

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, Easter Vigil 8:30pm (must arrive at church by 8:00pm)

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026: Easter Break

May 3, 2026: TBD

May 10, 2026: TBD

May 17, 2026: TBD