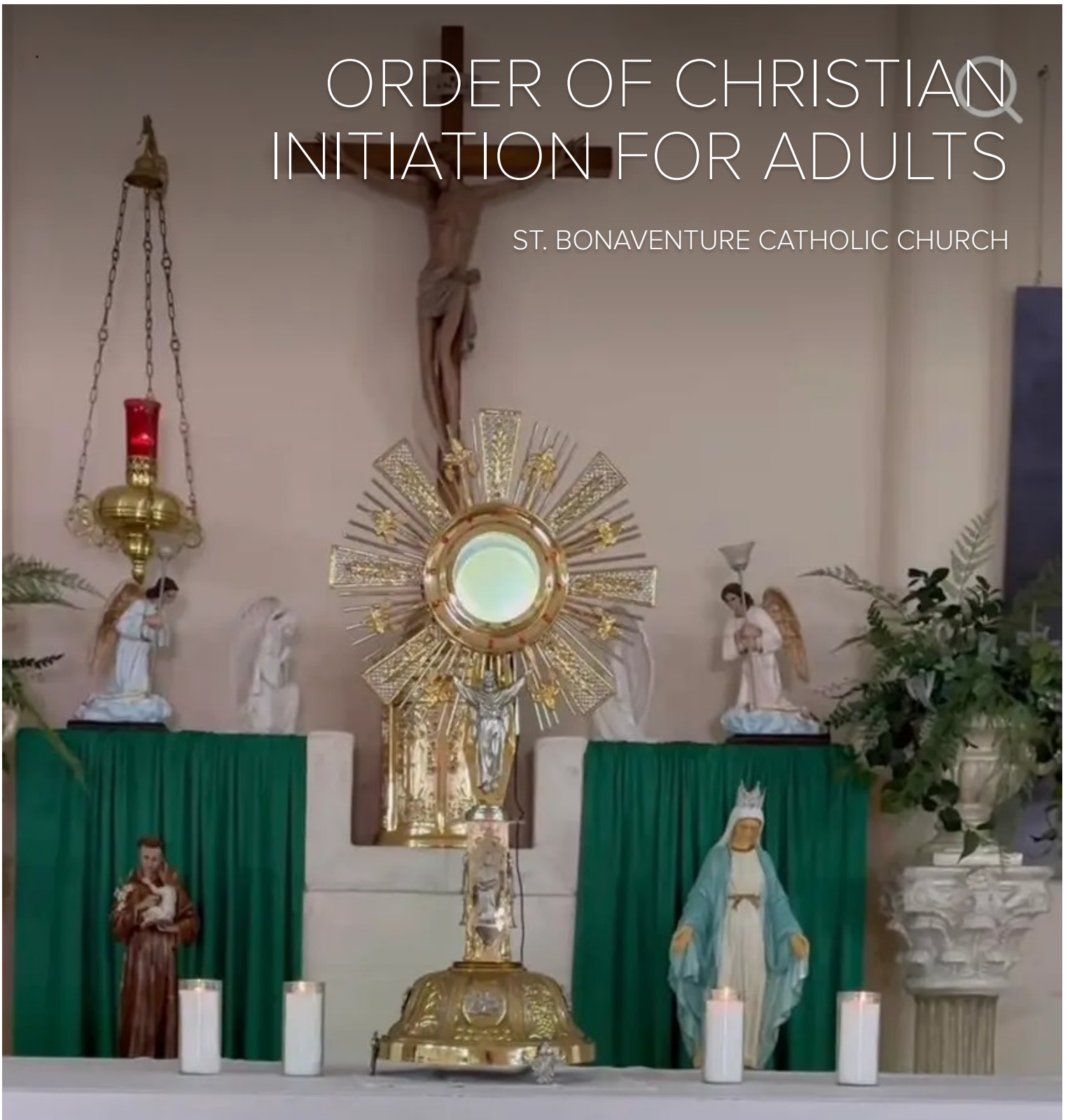


ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC CHURCH



What is OCIA?

OCIA is a process meant to form adults and children of catechetical age seeking baptism into the fullness of the Christian life and to become disciples of Jesus, their teacher. This includes an initiation into the mystery of salvation, the practice of faith, hope, and love, and other virtues in a succession of liturgical rites. Persons baptized into another Christian church and now seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are also welcome to participate in the OCIA process of learning about the Catholic faith and being formed in that faith. For a baptized Christian, reception into full communion with the Catholic Church involves reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then a Profession of Faith followed by the celebration of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Who is OCIA for?

- Adults who have never been [baptized](#) and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
- Adults who were baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of [First Eucharist](#) and [Confirmation](#).
- Adults who were baptized Catholic and have received First Holy Communion, but have not yet received the Sacrament of [Confirmation](#), are not candidates for OCIA.

The Periods of OCIA

- **Inquiry or Precatechumenate**—Period of inquiry and evangelization, opportunity for learning and growth in faith.
- **Catechumenate**—Period of pastoral formation in the Christian life with thorough and comprehensive catechesis on the truths of the

faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

- **Purification and Enlightenment**—Period coinciding with the liturgical season of Lent and consists of a more interior reflection to enlighten the hearts and minds of the participants with a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- **Mystagogy**—Period of post-baptismal catechesis focused on deepening the Christian experience, spiritual growth and further immersion into the Christian community and life of the parish.

2026-2027 Meeting Dates

Our Adult English session for OCIA begins September 13, 2026. We meet most every Sunday, from 9:45am-11:45pm in the Portable Building.

Catechists: Jonathan and Linda Gonzales jonlinangels@gmail.com

Sesión en español serán los **martes salon # 4** 6:30pm – 8:00pm – edificio de formación de la fe.

Instructor en español de OICA: Diaconó Martin Alfaro

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New members must complete an entire year (beginning in the Fall and ending in the Spring semester) before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings to learn more about our Catholic faith at any time.

The calendar is posted below.

ST. BONAVENTURE 2026-2027

OCIA SCHEDULE/CALENDARIO- Adults & Children/Teens(adultos y niños/adolescentes)

Faith Formation
REGISTRATION/REGISTRO
SUNDAYS/DOMINGOS: After Mass.
Times/Despues de Misa.
 9:30am - 2pm
 August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 & Sept 7
 During the week/Durante la semana:
 10:00am - 3:30pm
 Tues - Friday/Martes a Viernes

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1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
 - Holy Day of Obligation/ Dia de obligacion
 HAPPY NEW YEAR-FELIZ ANO
 3- NO CLASS OCIA- ADULTS ENGLISH CLASS

13 - Faith Formation BEGINS W/ Family Orientation (PARENTS & CHILDREN) INSIDE GYM.
 13 - 1st class of OCIA ADULTS
 ENGLISH 15 - Tuesdays- 1st class for children/teens in 2nd year OCIA
 15 - Martes - Primer clase para adultos en español

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ASH Wednesday/Miércoles Ceniza
 Day of Fasting & Abstinence & No Meat 40 Days of Lent- Time of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving & every Friday
13 - OCIA RETREAT/RETIRO DE RICA
 Rite of Sending
 Rite of Election **TBD**
 Rito de Elección **Pendiente**
 *21- OCIA ADULTS ENG/SPANISH SESSION WITH FR. ABEL 3:30 - 5:30
 28 - 1st Scrutiny/1er Escrutinio *8:30 MASS

***25 - *Rite of Welcome (required)**
 *Rito de Bienvenida (obligatorio) for all OCIA classes children & adults
Time of Mass: Sunday-TBD Mass with sponsor/cooparents
 Must have Catholic Church requirements *Padrinos necesitan tener los requisitos de la Iglesia Católica

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7 - No classes/Spring Break
 7 - 2nd Scrutiny/2 Escrutinio *8:30 MASS
 9 - *No CLASS - NO Habrá clase
 14rd Scrutiny/3er Escrutinio *8:30 MASS
 21 - Palm Sunday
 27 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil/Vigilia de Pascua.
 OCIA Adults/Teens & Children receive 3 sacraments /3 sacramentos Mass *8:00PM
 28 - Easter Sunday - Pascua NO Class

***15 OCIA ADULTS ENG/SPANISH SESSION WITH FR. ABEL 3:30 - 5:30**
 24- No CLASS - Children & Spanish Class- No Habrá clase Thanksgiving Break/Dia de descanso
 26 - Thanksgiving/Dia de Gracias
 29 - Adults English Class - NO CLASS Thanksgiving Break
 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER '26						
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11 - Last day of Class -
 13 - Ultimo clase

20 - FF Nativity Play- Schuster @5pm 23 & 30 - *NO CLASS - *NO Habrá clase- HOLIDAY/DIA DE DESCANSO
 *25 - Christmas -HOLY DAY of Obligation -Dia de obligacion. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 27 - NO CLASS OCIA -ADULTS - ENGLISH

DECEMBER '26						
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9 Mother's Day
 16- Pentecost

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 **CHILDREN/TEENS Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 FF BUILDING Room # 3 Bilingual Class
 Catechist: _____ ????

*PLEASE BE ATTENTIVE THAT THE SCHEDULE MIGHT CHANGE FOR CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES - PLEASE STAY UPDATED WITH YOUR CATECHIST OR CONTACT THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE** FAVOR ESTAR ATENTO EL CALENDARIO PUEDE CAMBIAR PARA CIERTAS CIRCUNSTANCIAS - MANTÉNGASE PENDIENTE CON SU CATEQUISTA O COMUNÍQUESE CON LA OFICINA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE.

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