St Joseph Catholic Church OCIA Schedule 2026-27

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WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT MEETINGS

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 31
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday June 12

Part 1: Getting Started Come ask Questions

Gathering, Sharing Our Stories	14-Jun	9:30am
What we believe about God and Man	21-Jun	9:30am
God made Man Male and Female in his Image..	28-Jun	9:30am
God made Man rational with Wills	12-Jul	9:30am
The Pascal Mystery Victory over Death	19-Jul	9:30am
The Paschal Mystery and Catholic Worship	26-Jul	9:30am
The Church, the people of God	2-Aug	9:30am
The Magisterium and Divine Revelation	9-Aug	9:30am
What we believe about Mary points to Jesus..	16-Aug	9:30am
The Profession of Faith	23-Aug	9:30am
Open Discussion	30-Aug	9:30am
Pot Luck Saturday	12-Sep	6:30 pm, Sat

Part 2: Formation

Preparation for Mass and the Sacraments

What are Sacraments?	13-Sep	9:30am
Tour of the Church	20-Sep	9:30am
The Real Presence of the Eucharist	27-Sep	9:30am
The Parts of the Mass	4-Oct	9:30am
Baptism and Confirmation	11-Oct	9:30am

Preparation for Living a Life in Christ

What does it mean to call Christ Lord?	18-Oct	9:30am
What does it mean that God is a Holy Trinity.	25-Oct	9:30am
Is Marriage and Family a Living Icon of God?....	1-Nov	9:30am
Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi of Marriage Liturgy..	8-Nov	9:30am
Right and Just Society	15-Nov	9:30am

Rite of Welcome and Acceptance

Preparation Retreat 11:30-4pm	21-Nov	11:30am, Sat
Rite of Welcome Liturgy, During 8am Mass....	22-Nov	8am, Rite, D
Sharing our experiences of the rite	22-Nov	9:30 am

Preparation for The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Seven Capital Sins	6-Dec	9:30am, D
Reconciliation in the Bible	13-Dec	9:30am, D
Making a Confession (Step by Step)	20-Dec	9:30am, D
Holiness (Vices and Virtues)	3-Jan	9:30am, D
Spiritual Habit of Reconciliation	10-Jan	9:30am, D

Preparation to Make the Profession of Fath

The History of the Creed and Catechism	17-Jan	9:30am, D
I believe in Triune God	24-jan	9:30am, D
I believe in the Church and Sacraments	31-Jan	9:30am, D
I believe in the Law of Christ and Prayer	7-Feb	9:30am, D

Part 3: Spiritual Purification and Enlightenment

Ash Wednesday Mass	10-Feb	Wednesday

Rite of Sending and Election

Preparation Retreat, 11:30-4pm	13-Feb	11:30am, Sat
Rite of Sending Liturgy, During 8am Mass	14-Feb	8am, Rite, D
Rite of Election Liturgy at BR Cathedral	14-Feb	TBD , Rite

Prayer and Reflections

Every Friday during Lent Friday 6pm Stations of the Cross

1 Penitential Rite & Reflection	21-Feb	8am, Rite, D
Final Prep for First Reconciliation		9:30am
2 First Scrutiny & Reflection	28-Feb	8am, Rite, D
John 4 – Woman at the Well		9:30am
3 Second Scrutiny Liturgy & Reflection	7-Mar	8am, Rite, D
John 9 – The Man Born Blind		9:30am
4 Third Scrutiny Liturgy & Reflection	14-Mar	8am, Rite, D
John 11 – The Raising of Lazarus		9:30am
5 Seder Supper with 4th Cup Teaching	18-Mar	6:30pm, Thr

Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Reflection	21-Mar	9:30am, D
The Mass of the Lord's Supper	25-mar	7pm, Thur
"The Passion of Christ" Movie, Adoration		9pm, Thur
Stations of the Cross St Joseph	26-Mar	1pm,Fri
Veneration of the Cross in Ponchatoula		3pm, Fri
Vigil Retreat, 8:30 to 2pm	27-Mar	8:30am, Sat
Easter Vigil Mass		7pm, Rite
Sharing Easter Vigil Experiences	4-Apr	9:30am

Part 4: Discerning Charisms, Mission and Sharing Our Story (Evangelization)

Enjoy Mass with Family Social with Parish	11-Apr	9:30am
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Discerning your Charisms	18 Apr	9:30am
Christian Spirituality History	25-Apr	9:30am
Discerning Your Mission (Vocation)	2-May	9:30am
Sharing Your Story (Evangelization)	9-May	9:30am
Share your story with the incoming group		

Confirmation for Adults who received Catholic 1st Communion, but not yet Confirmed

Confirmation Retreat 11:30 to 4pm	15-May	11:30, Sat
Confirmation at Cathedral in BR	16-May,	Rite, TBD

ADORATION EVERY WEDNESDAY ALL DAY
BIBLE STUDY MONDAY EVENING AND FRIDAY MORNING

Rite = Important RCIA event during a Mass or Service
D = Sundays were the RCIA group dismisses from 8am Mass following the homily for Breaking Open the Word.