

OCIA Schedule 2026-2027
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Date/Time/Location	Topic	Presenter(s)
Classes begin at 7:00 P.M. and recess around 8:15 P.M. (All meetings in Parish Life Center - except as shown below.)		
1. September 10, 2026	The Catholic Church	Deacon Danny Craig
2. September 17, 2026	This Is Our Faith The Creed	Deacon Danny Craig
3. September 24, 2026	The Sacrament of Baptism	TBD
4. October 1, 2026	The Mass – Part 1 An Immersion and Narration	Deacon Danny Craig
5. October 8, 2026	God and Our Hebrew Ancestors – The Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures	Deacon Danny Craig
6. October 15, 2026	The Ten Commandments A Catechesis	Deacon Danny Craig
7. October 22, 2026	Prayer – The Who, What, Why, When, and Where of Catholic Prayer	Deacon Danny Craig
8. October 29, 2026	The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick	Father Tim McKeown
RESERVED SPACE		
9. November 5, 2026	The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist	Deacon Danny Craig

10. November 12, 2026	Mary, the Mother of God	Deacon Ray Adriano
<u>Saturday, November 14, 2026</u>	<u>Attend 4:30P.M. Vigil Mass</u>	<u>Right of Acceptance</u>
11. November 19, 2026	The Sacrament of Matrimony	Deacon Danny Craig
12. December 3, 2026	Grace and Salvation; Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy – a Catechesis	Deacon Danny Craig
13. December 10, 2026	Prayer and Sacred Music: The Holy Rosary; Liturgy of the Hours; Adoration of Blessed Sacrament; The Stations of the Cross	Deacon Danny Craig
14. December 17, 2026	Feast Days, Rites, and Holy Days of the Church Year – Christmas and Advent; Easter and Lent; The Easter Triduum; Holy Days of Obligation	Deacon Danny Craig
15. January 7, 2027	The Trinity	Deacon David Wilkie
16. January 14, 2027	The Saints	Deacon Danny Craig
17. January 21, 2027	Sin – A Catechesis	Deacon Kerry Diver

18. January 28, 2027	New Testament Scripture A Walk Through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries	Deacon Danny Craig
19. February 4, 2027	Social Justice – A Catechesis	Deacon Danny Craig
Saturday, February 13, 2027	St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Macon, Georgia	Right of Election 2:00 P.M.
20. February 11, 2027	Interior Castle and Spiritual Renewal	Deacon Danny Craig
21. February 18, 2027	The Sacrament of Holy Orders	Seminarian Ben Aler
22. February 25, 2027	The Three Scrutinies and the Easter Triduum	Deacon Kerry Diver
Saturday, February 27, 2027	4:30 P.M. Vigil Mass	The First Scrutiny Father Tim McKeown
23. March 4, 2027	The Sacrament of Confirmation	Deacon Danny Craig
Saturday, March 6, 2027	4:30 P.M. Vigil Mass	The Second Scrutiny

24. March 11, 2027	Preparation for Rites of Initiation and Review/Discussion	Deacon Danny Craig
Saturday, March 13, 2027	4:30 P.M. Vigil Mass	The Third Scrutiny
25. March 18, 2027	Sacrament of Reconciliation For all Candidates	All Parish Priests
Saturday, March 27, 2027 – Easter Vigil	Catechumens/Elect (those not yet Baptized) 7:15 -10:30 P.M	Initiation into The Church at Easter Vigil Mass
Saturday, April 3, 2027 – Second Sunday of Easter	Candidates for Confirmation (those already Baptized) 7:00 P.M – 8:30 P.M.	Vigil Mass and Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Because the instruction on the Catholic faith is made manifest through the celebration of the sacred Mass, attendance at one of the Sunday Masses each week is also expected of every Catechumen and Candidate seeking to become a full participant in the Catholic faith.

In addition to the Thursday classes, attendance and participation will be required on the following dates and places:

Saturday, November 14, 2026 – 4:30 P.M Mass – Rite of Acceptance

Sunday, February 13, 2027 – Macon, Georgia – Rite of Election (*Only mandatory for those who will be Baptized at Easter. All other candidates are warmly invited.*)

Saturday, February 27, 2027 – 4:30 Mass – Celebration of the First Scrutiny

Saturday, March 6, 2027 – 4:30 Mass – Celebration of Second Scrutiny

Saturday, March 13, 2027 – 4:30 Mass – Celebration of Third Scrutiny

Thursday, March 26, 2027 – 7:00 P.M – the Sacrament of Reconciliation

AND Saturday, March 27, 2027 – Report by 7:15 P.M. – Easter Vigil Mass (approx. 3 hours) – Initiation into full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church - Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.