



# CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

## OCIA Schedule – 2025-2026

Textbook: *The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism – No. 2* (provided free of charge)

*Classes are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Life Center (CLC) – a complimentary light supper is served.*

Date	Topic(s)	Question #s	Host/Presenter
9/3/25	Introductions, Registration, Tour of the Cathedral Church	n/a	OCIA Director
9/10/25	Sponsors, Misconceptions, Intro to the Mass, Q&A	n/a	Father Jerabek
9/17/25	The Meaning of Man's Existence, God, and How He Speaks	1-25L	Father Merrill
9/24/25	The Unity and Trinity of God	24-34	Father Adams
10/1/25	Creation, the Angels Good & Bad, and Man	35-53	Father Merrill
10/8/25	The Fall of Man and Sin, Original & Actual	54-76	Father Jerabek
10/15/25	The Incarnation and the Redemption	77-104	Father Adams
10/22/25	The Holy Spirit, Grace, Virtues, Gifts	105-135	Father Merrill
10/29/25	The Catholic Church, Her Marks, Her Attributes	136-165	Father Merrill
11/5/25	Salvation, Communion of Saints, Four Last Things	166-187	Father Merrill
11/12/25	Commandments, Works of Mercy, and Vocation	188-197	Father Jerabek
11/19/25	The First Commandment, Veneration of Saints & Relics	198-243	Father Merrill
11/26/25	<i>No Class – Thanksgiving Break</i>		
12/3/25	The Second and Third Commandments	244-240	Father Merrill
12/10/25	The Fourth and Fifth Commandments	241-253	Father Jerabek
12/17/25	The Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments	254-258, 272-278	Father Jerabek
12/24/25	<i>No Class – Christmas Break AND Holy Day of Obligation (Christmas)</i>		
12/31/25	<i>No Class – Christmas Break AND Holy Day of Obligation (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1)</i>		
1/7/26	<i>No Class – Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians taking place at the Cathedral</i>		
1/14/26	The Seventh and Eighth Commandments	259-271	Father Adams
1/21/26	The Commandments or Precepts of the Church	279-303	Father Merrill
1/28/26	Intro to Sacraments and Baptism	304-329	Father Jerabek
2/4/26	Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick	330-342, 443-450	Father Merrill
2/11/26	The Holy Eucharist and the Mass	343-378	Father Merrill
2/18/26	<i>No Class – Ash Wednesday</i>		
2/25/26	Penance (also called Reconciliation or Confession)	379-434	Father Adams
3/4/26	Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony	451-468	Father Jerabek
3/11/26	Indulgences and Sacramentals	435-442, 469-474	Father Merrill
3/18/26	Prayer and Living the Sacramental Life	475-499	Father Merrill
3/25/26	How to Go to Confession, Catholic Traditions/Culture	n/a	Father Jerabek
4/1/26	<i>Holy Week – Rehearsal for Catechumens</i>		

### MAJOR DATES FOR SACRAMENTS:

*Rite of Acceptance for Catechumens:*

*Rite of Election for Catechumens:*

*First, Second, and Third Scrutinies for Catechumens:*

*Baptism and Other Sacraments for Catechumens:*

*Reception into the Church for Those Already Baptized:*

*Sunday, November 16, 2025, 11:00am Mass*

*Sunday, February 22, 2026, 2:00pm Liturgy (not a Mass)*

*Saturday, March 7, 2026, 5:00pm Mass*

*Sunday, March 15, 2026, 8:30am Mass*

*Sunday, March 22, 2026, 11:00am Mass*

*Saturday, April 4, 2026, 8:00pm, The Great Vigil of Easter*

*To be coordinated across various Sundays/Mass times\**

*\* First confessions and possible conditional baptisms will be scheduled the day before – i.e., on a Saturday morning*

Questions? Please contact our OCIA Director at [ocia@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:ocia@stpaulsbhm.org).