



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

OCIA Schedule – 2026-2027

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 in Book
9/9/26	Introductions, Registration, Tour of the Cathedral Church	n/a
9/16/26	Sponsors, Misconceptions, Intro to the Mass, Q&A	n/a
9/23/26	The Meaning of Man's Existence, God, and How He Speaks	1-23L
9/30/26	The Unity and Trinity of God	24-34
10/7/26	Creation, the Angels Good & Bad, and Man	35-53
10/14/26	The Fall of Man and Sin, Original & Actual	54-76
10/21/26	The Incarnation and the Redemption	77-104
10/28/26	The Holy Spirit, Grace, Virtues, Gifts	105-135
11/4/26	The Catholic Church, Her Marks, Her Attributes	136-165
11/11/26	Salvation, Communion of Saints, Four Last Things	166-187
11/18/26	Commandments, Works of Mercy, and Vocation	188-197
11/25/26	<i>No Class – Thanksgiving Break</i>	
12/2/26	The First Commandment, Veneration of Saints & Relics	198-223
12/9/26	The Second and Third Commandments	224-240
12/16/26	The Fourth and Fifth Commandments	241-253
12/23/26	<i>No Class – Christmas Break</i>	
12/30/26	<i>No Class – Christmas Break</i>	
1/6/27	The Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments	254-258, 272-278
1/13/27	The Seventh and Eighth Commandments	259-271
1/20/27	The Commandments or Precepts of the Church	279-303
1/27/27	Intro to Sacraments and Baptism	304-329
2/3/27	Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick	330-342, 443-450
2/10/27	<i>No Class – Ash Wednesday</i>	
2/17/27	The Holy Eucharist and the Mass	343-378
2/24/27	Penance (also called Reconciliation or Confession)	379-434
3/3/27	Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony	451-468
3/10/27	Indulgences and Sacramentals	435-442, 469-474
3/17/27	Prayer and Living the Sacramental Life	475-499
3/24/27	Holy Week – Rehearsal for Catechumens	

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 15, 2026, 11:00am Mass

Sunday, February 14, 2027, 2:00pm Liturgy (not a Mass)

Saturday, February 27, 2027, 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 7, 2027, 8:30am Mass

Sunday, March 14, 2027, 11:00am Mass

Saturday, March 27, 2027, 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 Coordinator at ocia@stpaulsbhm.org.