

RCIA / RCIC RITES

SOLEMN CEREMONIES CELEBRATED DURING THE LAST PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Saturday, February 19, 2023 **Rite of Sending**
11:00 AM Mass St. Peter Catholic Church

The parish celebrates the “Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election by the Bishop” during Mass to ensure the participation of the community. According to the instructions of the rite, “before the rite of election the bishop, priests, deacons, catechists, godparents, and the entire community, in accord with their respective responsibilities, ...arrive at a judgement about the catechumens’ state of formation and progress.” Godparents and the assembly publicly affirm this election during the “Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election by the Bishop” as part of the ritual. The faithful “give good example to the elect and along with the elect ...prepare themselves for the Easter solemnities.”

Sunday, February 26, 2023 **Rite of Election**
2:00 PM **Our Lady of the Valley**
 *** Sponsors should attend ***

The parish sends the catechumens with their godparents to the Rite of Election. The Church makes its “election,” founded on the election by God, to admit catechumens with the proper disposition to the sacraments of initiation.

Sunday, March 12, 2023 **1st Scrutiny**
11:00 AM Mass St. Peter Catholic Church

The elect experience the scrutinies, which intend to uncover and then heal the elect in the midst of the worshipping assembly.

Saturday, March 18, 2023 **Presentation of the Creed**
9:00 AM Mass St. Peter Catholic Church

The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer are important during this period because they symbolize the elect’s conversion of heart and represent their reliance on the faith of the Church, which would in turn allow for an encounter with the Word of God in general, and the prayer of Christ specifically.

Sunday, March 19, 2023 **2nd Scrutiny**
11:00 AM Mass St. Peter Catholic Church

Friday, March 24, 2023 **Confession for those who are baptized**
6:45 PM – 7:45 PM St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday, March 26, 2023 **3rd Scrutiny**
11:00 AM Mass St. Peter Catholic Church

Saturday, April 1, 2023 **Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer**
9:00 AM Mass St. Peter Catholic Church

Monday, April 3, 2023 **Easter Vigil Rehearsal**
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM St. Peter Catholic Church
 *** Sponsors should attend if possible ***

Saturday, April 8, 2023 **EASTER VIGIL**
Around 8:00 PM **Reception into the Catholic Church (either through baptism or profession of faith)**
Exact Time TBD St. Peter Catholic Church

*** Candidates and Catechumens with their sponsors should arrive
at least 30 minutes before the start of the Vigil ***