

# OCIA RITES

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

### THE SCRUTINIES

The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then to heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The scrutinies are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent.

### THE PRESENTATION RITES

The presentations normally take place during Lent. With the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer. These texts are presented in order to enlighten the elect.

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.

<b>Sunday, March 2, 2025</b> <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Rite of Sending of Catechumens (not baptized)</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Saturday, March 8, 2025</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <i>arrive by 9:30 AM</i>	<b>Rite of Election of Catechumens (not baptized)</b> <i>(Rite only, not celebrated within a Mass)</i> Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Denver <i>Godparents must attend if they are local, otherwise ask your companion</i>
<b>Sunday, March 9, 2023</b> <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Rite of Calling Candidates (baptized in another Christian faith) to Continuing Conversion</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Sunday, March 23, 2025</b> <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Saturday, March 29, 2025</b> <b>9:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Presentation of the Creed</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Sunday, March 30, 2025</b> <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Sunday, April 6, 2025</b> <b>11:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Saturday, April 12, 2025</b> <b>9:00 AM Mass</b>	<b>Presentation of the Lord's Prayer</b> St. Peter Catholic Church
<b>Monday, April 14, 2025</b> <b>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Rehearsal</b> St. Peter Catholic Church  <i>* Godparents and Sponsors should attend *</i>
<b>Saturday, April 19, 2025</b> <b>Around 8:00 PM</b> <b>Exact Time TBD</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL Reception into the Catholic Church</b> (Either through Baptism or Profession of Faith, Confirmation and First Holy Communion)  <b>* The Elect and their sponsors should arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the Vigil</b> <b>*There are no reserved seats for family members, please arrive early to save seats.</b>