

OCIA RITES for the unbaptized

SOLEMN CEREMONIES CELEBRATED IN 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 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.

Sunday, February 15 th , 2026 9:00 AM Mass	Rite of Sending of Catechumens St. Peter Catholic Church
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Saturday, February 21 st , 2026 TBD Archdiocese office of Liturgy will notify us of the time	Rite of Election of Catechumens <i>(Rite only, not celebrated within a Mass)</i> OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY, WINDSOR, CO – UPDATED INFO. <i>Godparents must attend if they are local, otherwise ask a Catholic friend</i>
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The scrutinies are required.

Sunday, March 8 th , 2026 9:00 AM Mass	1st Scrutiny St. Peter Catholic Church
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Saturday, March 14 th , 2026 9:00 AM Mass	Presentation of the Creed St. Peter Catholic Church
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Sunday, March 15 th , 2026 9:00 AM Mass	2nd Scrutiny St. Peter Catholic Church
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Sunday, March 22 nd , 2026 9:00 AM Mass	3rd Scrutiny St. Peter Catholic Church
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March 28 th , 2026 9:00 AM Mass	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer St. Peter Catholic Church
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Monday, March 30 th , 2026 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Easter Vigil Rehearsal St. Peter Catholic Church <i>* Godparents should attend *</i>
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Saturday, April 4 th , 2026 around 8:00 PM exact time TBD	EASTER VIGIL: Reception into the Catholic Church (Either through Baptism or Profession of Faith, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) * The Elect and their sponsors should arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the Vigil <i>*There are no reserved seats for family members, please arrive early to save seats.</i>
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