

St. John the Evangelist Religious Education

CONFIRMATION 2020

Important Dates: **Refer to the schedules in your packet by session.**

- **Service in the Spirit:**

Details of the service projects are given to the students one or two weeks prior to the scheduled date. Failure to attend the scheduled service project will result in postponing the child's Confirmation for a later date until that service is completed. Always sign in and sign out to each event you help in for credit. A service project will be assigned in class.



- **Prayer Life: To maintain a relationship with God through the spiritual activities provided in the life of the Church.**

1. Attend Sunday Mass every week and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Attend the Procession of the Virgin of Guadalupe Novena (one evening Dec 3-Dec 11)
3. Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes (January)
4. Attend the Stations of the Cross during one of the Fridays of Lent (Feb. 28 – April 10)
5. Prayer Journal (To be given in January)

- **Confessions: MONDAY, April 27, 2020 @ 6:45 pm (Church)**



- ◆ Make sure you know the **Act of Contrition**.
- ◆ Please be on time and as always dress appropriately. No shorts!
- ◆ Sponsors are encouraged to come as well so they can receive Communion at the Confirmation Mass with their godchild.

- **Rite of Enlightenment & Purification: Sunday, March 22 10:00AM, 12:00PM or 2:00PM (Spanish)**

Sponsors are invited to attend with the Candidate.

This rite is celebrated during Lent and is intended to strengthen the minds and hearts of the candidates and enlighten them with a deeper knowledge of Christ and examine and reflect on choosing the path that will lead them to the Truth.



- **Faith Enrichment & Retreat: To be announced. Spring 2020**

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 DEADLINE

Candidates and/or Parents must turn in the **COMPLETED** Sponsor Application Form to the CCD/School office. The **FINAL EDITED** Letter to the Bishop must be turned in to the Catechist or Teacher.

All unpaid religious education fee balances must be paid in full so that Certificates can be given out at the Confirmation Mass. Please make payments in the CCD office.

A \$15.00 late fee will be charged after April 1st, 2020.



SAINT NAME SELECTION

Any name corrections or Confirmation names must be handed in by 4/1/2020
Confirmation names must be from a Patron Saint. Please notify us in writing.



Letters to the Bishop must be turned in to the Catechist. These letters must be neat and sincere!



Saint names are chosen by the candidate and should be a saint whose virtue and exemplary life they chose to mimic in their lives. The candidates have been studying them in class. If a saint is chosen, it must be printed on the application and referred to in the letter to the Bishop. Jesus is **NOT** a saint and therefore cannot be used.



- **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE – May 2020 @ 4:00 PM**
Parent or Sponsor must attend practice with the candidate. Practice will be in the Church
- **CONFIRMATION – May 2020 @ 6:00 pm at St John's Church** Candidate & Sponsor need to arrive **ONE HOUR BEFORE in the Cafeteria.** There will be assigned seating.

Sacrament of Confirmation Program Requirements:

- **Mass attendance is required.** No exceptions.
- **Service in the Spirit is required** in the Confirmation Program. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a call to service within our community and is necessary in the faith formation of the Candidate. Service fosters compassion for others when our heart is open to receiving those graces. These will be scheduled according to the Catechist.
- **Prayer Life is a Must!** Candidates are encouraged to develop and maintain a prayer life so they may continue to grow spiritually and strengthen their faith.
- **Parents and/or Sponsors are required** to attend at least **THREE parent formation** and accompany the candidate on ALL prayer experiences and service projects. **(Jan. 11, Feb. 1 and April 4)**
- A parent or a Sponsor must attend any meetings that are scheduled in order to communicate any last minute details or changes.
- A letter to the Bishop must be written to request the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Candidates and Parents are obligated to obey Canon Law when choosing a Sponsor for his/her child (Refer to Sponsor Policy Handout and Sworn Statement).



- Must know the list of prayers and teachings that were provided in October to the youth.
- **It is the Candidate's and their Parents responsibility to be informed of all deadlines and requirements to avoid postponement of the Sacraments.**

General Information:

- **Be Punctual:** Students and Sponsors must arrive at least **ONE HOUR before** the Mass to prepare for the procession. **Reserving seats for family members is not allowed.**
- **Attire for Students:**

Boys are to wear a **white or red dress shirt (with collar) and tie**, tucked in with dress slacks, belt and dress shoes. Pants may not be worn below the waistline. No jeans or T-shirts. Suits & tuxedos are optional.

Girls are to wear a **red or white dress or pantsuit.** Dresses/skirts must be knee length or longer, with dress shoes. **None of the following allowed:** spaghetti straps, halter-tops, shorts of any length, strapless or anything that exposes cleavage or stomach areas. **NOTHING SHEAR (SEE THROUGH) OR TIGHT FITTING.**

- **Attire for Parents and Sponsors:** Parents, family members and especially Sponsors are asked to dress conservatively and modestly for Mass. No revealing clothes-see through, low-cut blouses, high cut skirts or halter tops exposing cleavage or bellybuttons. No sneakers, jeans or T-shirts. **Sponsors who disregard this request will be asked by the parent to not accompany his/her son/daughter.**

- **Candles:** Are needed and can be purchased in the CCD office for \$4.



Confirmation Pendants:
\$10.00

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Pictures: Pictures with Bishop Weisenburger, Bishop Kicanas or Msgr. Raul Trevizo, our Pastor, may be taken before or after Mass. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures.

- **Reverence:** We recognize that this celebration is very important to your family. However, we must be mindful of WHO we are receiving. Please inform your families of the procedures in church especially if they are new. **Please remember no gum chewing in the church.**



Turn off cell phones.
Please do not answer cell phones or text message in the church at any time.

- **Religious Articles:** Any religious articles such as rosaries, bibles, candles, etc. may be brought and are to be kept with the parents until the final blessing. At this time, Bishop will bless all religious articles. **The CCD office has gift ideas for sale.**
- **Certificates:** Certificates for Confirmation will be handed out during Mass provided that all balances, retreats and late fees are paid in FULL before May 1st.



- **Getting Ready:** Parents, Students and Sponsors are asked to prepare themselves spiritually by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Mass. Parents and family members who are prepared are invited to receive Communion-the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

- **Be What You Receive:** Confirmation is saying “YES” to God by being a living witness of Jesus for others. Make a commitment to continue to grow in your relationship with Christ by going to Mass regularly, praying, serving, and learning.



Grow up to be an imitator of Christ.

