

CONFIRMATION 2023

Important Dates:

- **Service in the Spirit:**

Details of the service project will be discussed by the catechist in class. Failure to complete the service project will result in postponing his/her Confirmation. All projects must be completed by **April 15th**.



- **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 in person. Virtual Mass attendance is allowed when the candidate/parent is under quarantine.
2. Attend at least one night of the Virgen de Guadalupe Novena and one Friday during Lent of the Stations of the Cross.
3. Made a commitment to pray every day as part of their preparation.

- **Confessions: Saturday, _____ @ 3:30 pm (Church) – Assigned by the Catechists.**



- ❖ Practice the Steps for going to Confession and know the **Act of Contrition**.
- ❖ Please be on time and dress appropriately. No shorts! Wear your Retreat t-shirt & unripped pants.
- ❖ Sponsors are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation so that he/she can receive Communion with their godchild.

- ✓ **Faith Enrichment & Retreat for the Confirmation Candidates: Sunday, February 5th from 7:45 AM-6:00 PM (Cafeteria/Church/Patio)** [Retreat end time is subject to change]

- **Parent Formation:** All parents are asked to attend 3 of the 6 Parent Formation Sessions offered in addition to the Virgen de Guadalupe Novena and the Stations of the Cross:

Parent Formation: **Feb.15, March 8, and April 18**

Stations of the Cross (One Friday of Lent): **March 3, 10, 24, 31, or April 7**

Friday, April 21st DEADLINE

The Sponsor must turn in the Sponsor Application Form to the Parish office in person to be completed if the Form is not signed and sealed.



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

An additional \$15.00 late fee will be charged to any unpaid fees after May 1st, 2023.

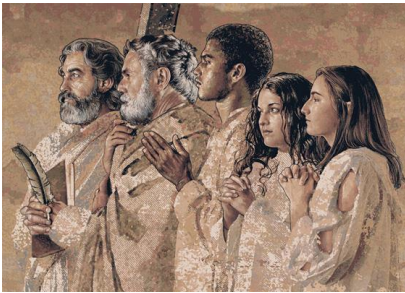
Final copy of the Letter to the Bishop will be turned in to the Catechist or Director by email.

SAINT NAME SELECTION

The Saint your child chooses as his / her Confirmation Saint name, must be included in the Letter to the Bishop.



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 as a role model. 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 – Tuesday, May 30st @ 4:30 PM at St. John's Church. Wear your retreat t-shirt and unripped pants for practice.



CONFIRMATION – Wednesday, May 31st at 6:00 PM at St. John's Church. The Candidate and Sponsor need to arrive **ONE HOUR BEFORE in order to take pictures with the Bishop Weisenburger.** There will be assigned seating.

Sacrament of Confirmation Program Requirements:

- **Mass attendance is required** during the program. No exceptions.
- **No more than 5 Class absences are allowed for the year.**
- **Service in the Spirit is required** in the Confirmation Program.
- **Prayer Life is a Must!** Candidates are encouraged to develop and maintain a prayer life if they are to persevere. The only way to have an open mind to what they are learning is to be open to communicating with God so He can fill in the gaps that as parents and the church we can't do alone.
- 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 the Sponsor Policy Handout and Sworn Statement of the Sponsor).
- Must know the list of prayers and teachings that were provided to the youth in October.
- **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 take pictures with the Bishop/Monsignor. **One pew per family will be reserved. (A maximum of 6-8 people will fit comfortably per pew, which will include sponsor and candidate)**
- **Attire for Confirmation Candidates:** (*Red gowns will be offered to those not adhering to the dress code policy.*)

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

Girls are to wear a **red or white dress or pantsuit**. Black Dress slacks may be worn but no colored jeans/levis may be used. 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. A sweater or shawl is required for anyone showing bare back or shoulders.**

- **Attire for Parents and Sponsors:** Parents, family members and especially Sponsors are asked to dress conservatively and modestly for Mass. *You may wear the Confirmation colors of red or white but it is not required.*



No revealing clothes-see through, low-cut blouses, tight fitting, high cut skirts or halter tops exposing cleavage or bellybuttons. **Sponsors who disregard this request will be asked by the parent to not accompany his/her godson/goddaughter.**



- ✓ **Pictures:** Pictures with Bishop Weisenburger or Msgr. Raul Trevizo may be taken **before Mass.**

- **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.

Remove AirPods while in the Church

- **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 catechism office has gift ideas for sale. Please call ahead for an appointment if you are interested 520-901-1995.**
- **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.**



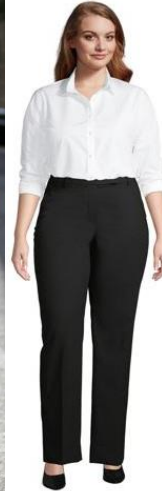
- **Getting Ready:** **Parents, Students and Sponsors are asked to prepare themselves spiritually by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Mass.** Parents and family members who are prepared are invited to receive Communion-the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

- **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.





Acceptable Ideas

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