



## Information for the June 9, 2025 Confirmation Mass

### **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL – Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

- ⊕ BOTH the Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor need to attend the rehearsal & check in together in the PARISH HALL between 5:30 - 5:45 PM. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**
  - **If the Sponsor is unable to attend the Rehearsal:** a parent or other adult needs to attend the Rehearsal as a “stand-in” and then relay the instructions to the Sponsor so that they are prepared for the Confirmation Mass on June 6th.

### **CONFIRMATION MASS – Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

- ⊕ BOTH the Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor need to check in together in the PARISH HALL between 5:15 – 5:45 PM. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

## FAQ's...

### DRESS CODE

“Dressy - Church Appropriate” is the phrase of the day! **PLEASE** remind the Sponsors & Guests that **THEY** should also be dressed “Church appropriate”.

- Girls -**
  - Dress or Skirt & Blouse – any color is fine (NO short dresses/skirts. Length should be NO shorter than just above the knees - NO mid-thigh length skirt/dress lengths).
  - NO bare shoulders or see-through material. You will need to wear a sweater/cardigan (preferred) or shawl if your dress/blouse is sleeveless or has spaghetti straps.
  - Please NO Formal/Evening Dresses
  - Heels should be NO higher than 2” (Remember, there is a slope to the church floor and if the Confirmation Candidates have to go up and down the altar steps, we don’t want the girls finding this difficult in high heels).
- Boys -**
  - Dress slacks (NO jeans)
  - Button up dress shirt – any color is fine (Tie is optional)
  - Dress Shoes (NO sneakers)
  - Suit jacket & tie are optional

### CHURCH DECORUM

The Confirmation Mass often brings family & friends who may not regularly attend Mass or may not be Catholic. They may be unaware of the attitude of **reverence in the church**. We are relying on YOU to please remind family and friends of this expectation. When inside the church, let us remember that we are in the Holy presence of God and the gifts of *reverence and silence are most valued*.

**Confirmands & Sponsors will be seated together in the (RESERVED) middle sections of pews.** There should be ample seating for all family and guest members in the back (un-reserved) middle section pews or the side section pews, but we still ask that you PLEASE be responsive to the Ushers as they try and accommodate as many people in the pews as possible. We anticipate that the Confirmation Mass will take about an hour and a half.

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

PLEASE remember that this is a Mass – if you choose to take a photo, **NO flashes & NO photos from the aisle**. Photos may be taken discreetly **from your seat in the pews**.

- **A Group Photo of the newly confirmed & clergy** will be taken AFTER the Mass which we will post on the Parish Website for you to download for **FREE!**
- After the recessional hymn, ALL families, friends, & sponsors will need to leave the sanctuary (church) so that we can bring the newly confirmed back inside to take the group photo. The Ushers will help move everyone out of the sanctuary after the Mass – please respect their instructions.
- Please respect the sanctity of the sanctuary and **limit your family photos** to the Narthex, out in the Meditation Garden, or in the Piazza before or after the Mass. We are working with the Arts & Environment Ministry to provide several places that will be welcoming & appropriate photo backdrops. 😊

## **OFFERING**

There will be special Confirmation Mass offering envelopes in the pews and the ushers will pass the baskets through the pews during the Offertory. This special collection during the Confirmation Mass will go directly toward supporting the Confirmation Preparation program and we thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this parish ministry!

## **CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES & SAINT ICONS**

- ⊕ **Confirmation Certificates:** It takes us several weeks to enter the remaining information to generate the certificates and have them signed by Fr. Michael. You will be notified via email when & where your student's Confirmation Certificate is available for pickup. Confirmation Certificates not picked up will be mailed to the home address we have on file. Any Past Due money owed to the Religious Education Program must be resolved before you can pick up the Confirmation Certificate.
- ⊕ **Saint Icons:** Your student's Saint Icon will also be available for pickup at the same time as the Confirmation Certificates. Any Saint Icons not picked up will be discarded. We will NOT mail Saint Icons due to the mailing costs.

*"It is part of your vocation to shout the Gospel from the rooftops, not by your words, but by your life."*

Bl. Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916)

In Christ's Name,

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