

CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENT MASS Q & A

Q: When is the Confirmation Mass?

A: Wednesday, April 10 at 7 PM at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Q: What time do the students and their sponsors need to be at the church the night of Confirmation (April 10)?

A: 5:45 PM

Q: Will there be a practice?

A: Yes, there will be a practice. Practice will be Monday, April 8 at 5:45 PM at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Q: Who should attend the confirmation practice?

A: The Confirmation student and their sponsor. If their sponsor cannot attend, then their proxy should attend. A proxy is simply someone who stands in for the sponsor. If the proxy cannot attend, a parent must attend. Parents are welcome.

Q: What should the students wear to the Confirmation Mass?

A: What your student wears (clothing and shoes) to mass should reflect noble simplicity. It should be an expression of love for the Lord. During the Confirmation Mass, all students will wear an alb, which will be provided by the parish for the Sacrament Mass. The alb will be returned after the Mass. The alb is a liturgical vestment and reminds us of the "new and immaculate clothing"¹ that we have received through baptism. It is also a symbol of the sanctifying grace received at baptism and purity of heart we all strive to achieve through our faith journey.

¹ [Liturgical Vestments and the Vesting prayer.](#)

Q: When should students arrive at church on the day of Confirmation and where should they go when they get to the church?

A: Please arrive at the church no later than 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to the Confirmation Mass. Students must check in with a volunteer in the gathering space. Then go to the Coffee Room to put on their alb.

Q: Can we take pictures of our students during mass?

A: No. We have been instructed by the Bishop that only one person is allowed to take pictures during the Confirmation Mass. We know that everyone wants to capture this special moment. The parish has hired a professional photographer to take a picture of each confirmandi as they receive the sacrament. To honor the Bishop's request and to maintain the integrity of the liturgy, please leave the picture taking to the photographer. A group picture with the Bishop and Father Tilley will also be taken at the end of mass. These pictures will be made available to you for download at no cost.

Q: Will the mass be live streamed?

A: Yes

Q: Does my student's Confirmation Sponsor need to be at the Confirmation Mass?

A: No they do not. While it is ideal that they are, it is not required. If your student's sponsor cannot be present for the Confirmation Mass, we will need another individual to stand in as a proxy. The proxy can be anyone, even a parent.

Q: Will there be assigned seating during the Sacrament Mass?

A: The Confirmandi and their sponsors will be sitting in the front pews of the center two sections. They will receive their specific seating assignments at the Confirmation Practice. The front pews will be marked as reserved. Families are welcome to sit anywhere else in the church.

Q: When will students receive their Confirmation Certificates?

A: After the Confirmation Mass, students will process out. They will walk to Room A to return their alb. After they have returned their alb, they will be given their Confirmation Certificate and a small gift from the parish.

Q: Will there be a reception after confirmation?

A: YES! Please plan to celebrate with your parish family for a short time after the Mass. Food and drink will be provided.