

CONFIRMATION: Our Lady of Nazareth

Frequently Asked Questions

Dress Code: Classy

Over the last couple years we often get questions about what to wear, these are not mandates but helpful guidelines, please use your best judgment.

Gentlemen: Ironed Dress Shirt, Dress Pants, Belt, Dress Coat, Suit or Sweater, Tie/Bowtie

Ladies: Nice Dress or Pants Suit, no spaghetti straps/strapless. Appropriate hem length for kneeling, Shoes you can easily walk in.

All: Dress should be dignified and in keeping with the dignity of a liturgical celebration (this is not prom). It is essential that the presider be able to anoint the candidate on the forehead so please move hair if you have heavy bangs. There are NO color requirements but the sacrament colors are red/white and many students like to wear them (red tie, white dress etc).

Sponsor Can't Attend? Choose a confirmed parent or sibling to "stand in" for the sponsor.

Arrival Time: 6:00 PM (Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor in the Fellowship Hall). Families may arrive later for Mass at 7:00pm or go to the church before Mass begins.

Reservation of Seats: Arrive early to seat everyone together. The doors will open at 6:15pm. Please refrain from "saving" whole pews if most of your party has not arrived. We will have overflow in the narthex and a live stream in the fellowship hall (this a great place to go watch if you have upset babies or toddlers, we know it is a late mass for little ones).

What Happens During the Confirmation Mass: Few things are more awkward than a group of people receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit but sitting emotionless throughout Mass.

Enjoy the mass! Pray, celebrate, be present! The Mass is very similar to most Masses, however, there are three unique parts.

ORDER of the MASS:

Welcome, Prelude, Opening Song, 1st reading, Psalm, Gospel

Presentation of Candidates

Homily, Renewal of Baptismal promises,

Laying of hands (celebrants and presider over all)

Anointing (see instructions below)

Prayers of the Faithful, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion, Recessional,

Group Picture

Presentation of Candidates:

Candidates will stand up to be recognized and will be prayed over as the Presider and concelebrants extend their hands over the whole group.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises:

The Presider will ask the following questions of the Confirmands. Respond loudly and clearly.

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Anointing with Chrism:

To receive the sacrament, you will rise and move to the aisle as though going to receive Communion. Sponsors will place their right hand on the right shoulder of the Confirmand. Upon approaching, be sure to stand close and perhaps move bangs to avoid getting oil on them. If the oil runs, it is easiest to wipe the oil with the hands and then rub the excess into the hands. Standing before the Presider, the Sponsor, Confirmand will clearly and loudly have the following exchange (“Name” means first Name of Confirmand):

Sponsor: “Name.”

Presider: “Name, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Candidate: “Amen.”

Presider: “Peace be with you.”

Candidate: “And with your spirit.”

Return to your pews.

Photos: You may take photos before and after Mass. Please refrain from taking photos during the Mass. Be present, rather than standing with your smartphone trying to catch a photo. We have a Professional Photographer to take pictures of all of the candidates as they receive the sacrament and after with a large group photo with the Presider and Priests.

Reception: We will have a small reception in the Narthex, please visit your church’s table to pick up gifts or certificates from your Confirmation Coordinator.