

Preparing to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF
PEACE CHURCH**

CONFIRMATION

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY



Soon you will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is another amazing Sacrament. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation God will fill you with the Holy Spirit so that you can discover and fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you

Lesson 1

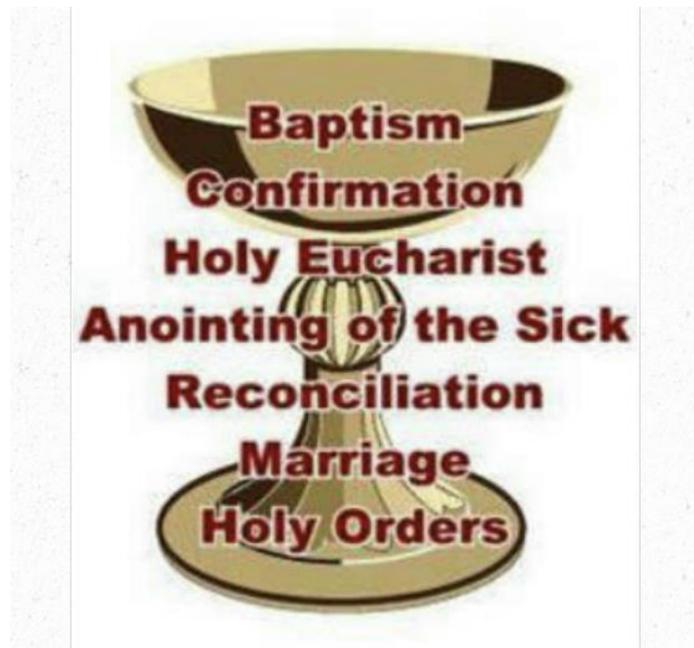
What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church and is the second Sacrament of Initiation. This Sacrament completes and affirms the first Sacrament of Initiation, namely, Baptism. It is important to understand that Confirmation is not a renewal of the Baptism but moreover the completion of it.

Through prayer and the laying of the hands the church asks God to give the affirming person the Gift of the Holy Spirit to help live a life of discipleship and according to the Gospel teachings. With Confirmation, the Holy Spirit that we receive through Baptism is sealed and strengthens us and equips us in our faith.

Lesson 2

The Seven Sacraments



The word Sacrament is derived from the Latin 'Sacramentum' or 'sacrare' which means to consecrate, set apart, devote, dedicate and give. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines Sacraments as "external signs instituted by Christ to give grace"

The Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism...

...makes us members of the Church.

...cleanses us from original and past personal sin.

...makes us sharers in the life and identity of Christ.

Confirmation...

...seals us with the Holy Spirit.

...strengthens us for service.

...invites us to, and equips us for, witness to Christ.

Eucharist...

...signifies and brings about our unity in Christ.

...enables our participation in the sacrifice of the cross

...feeds and sustains us for continuing Christ's work in the world.



What are the Seven Sacraments; and which ones have you received?

A: Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick. You have received Baptism, Penance, and Holy Eucharist.

What are the Sacraments you can only receive once?

A: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

How is Christian initiation accomplished?

A: Christian initiation is accomplished with three Sacraments: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which strengthens our new life in Christ; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Jesus' Body and Blood so that we can be transformed in Christ.

Going Deeper

Life is a journey with God. Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion are

all great moments in your journey. They are Sacraments that work together to help you live your best life. In Baptism you receive new life in Jesus, in Confirmation God reminds us that he has a special mission for each and every single one of us, and Holy Communion gives us the strength and the wisdom to live that mission by serving God and others.

Which person of the Holy Trinity do you receive in Confirmation?

A: The Holy Spirit.

Lesson 3

Pentecost



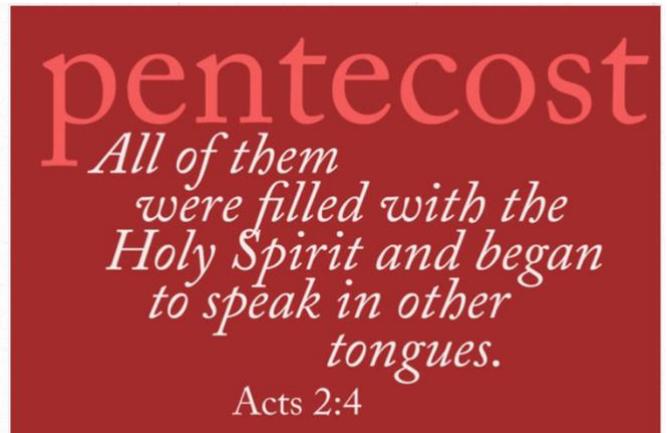
Acts 2:1-13

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men

who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNiApXVR9go>



The meaning of Pentecost is God's equipping His church with the power of His Spirit so that He will be glorified among the nations.

The Fruits and Gifts from the Holy Spirit and Their Meanings

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23)

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing” (Corinthians 12:31-13:3)

“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:2)



The Fruit of the Spirit



Questions and Answers

Q: What happens in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

A: The Holy Spirit comes upon us and strengthens us to be soldiers of Christ that we may spread and defend the Catholic faith.

Q: What is Confirmation?

A: Confirmation is a Sacrament that perfects Baptismal grace. Through it we receive the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in grace so we can grow in virtue, live holy lives, and carry out the mission God calls us to.

Going Deeper

When you are older you will be blessed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation reminds us that in Baptism God blessed us with a special mission and filled us with the Holy Spirit. Through an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, we are filled with the courage and wisdom to live out the mission God has given us. Confirmation deepens our friendship with Jesus and the Catholic Church. It reminds us that we are sons and daughters of a great King. It will be a special moment in your life and a wonderful blessing!

When is Confirmation received?

A: Most Catholics in the West receive Confirmation during their teenage years, but in the East Confirmation is administered immediately after Baptism.

Going Deeper

Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are called the Sacraments of Initiation. In a special way, the Sacraments of Initiation deepen our friendship with Jesus and the Church, fill us with what we need to live out God's mission for our lives, and inspire us to become all that God created us to be. It is important to remember that these three Sacraments are connected. They are the foundation for a fabulous friendship with God on earth and forever in heaven. In some parts of the world, and at different times throughout history, people have received these Sacraments at different times according to local traditions and practical considerations. For example, hundreds of years ago, the bishop may have only visited a village once every two or three years, and so Confirmation would take place when he visited. Even today, some children receive Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation all at the same time.