

To: Our Confirmation Candidates
From Mrs. Madonna, Parish Catechetical Leader
Date: May 2025
Re: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW



CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14TH & MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH at 7:00 PM IN ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AUDITORIUM.

- ❖ **Enter by way of the church doors and check in with the staff. You will then be directed to one of the clergy for interview. A parent must be present for the interview.**

In order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you must have a basic knowledge of the fundamental Catholic beliefs:

THE TRINITY

- Mystery – Three persons in one God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

SEVEN SACRAMENTS

- Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). The understanding that Eucharist is truly Real Presence and not a symbol.
- Reconciliation (change of heart – conversion to Christ).
- Matrimony
- Holy Orders
- Anointing of the Sick (Christ / Holy Spirit powerfully present) open to His power.

MARY, SAINTS, CHURCH

- Mary is the mother of Jesus, who is God and man. She is our model of faith-in-action and therefore Mother of the Church.
- A “saint” is a person who lived his/her life – whether as an adult or child – as Christ has shown us. Some left behind their former (sinful) ways and “converted to Christ” (e.g., Francis of Assisi, St. Augustine). Martyrs are those men, women and children who gave their lives rather than to deny Christ.
- Christ named Peter (“Rock”) as the first Pope (leader of His Church).

BASIC UNDERSTANDING

- The Bible has two parts: Old Testament and New Testament.
- At Sunday Mass, there are two readings and the Gospel. The First Reading is usually from the Old Testament and the Second Reading is from the New Testament. The Gospel is found in the New Testament and tells us about the life of Christ.

- We participate in Mass on Sundays as a loving Catholic obligation. (God's Third Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day). The Eucharist is offered to us to give us Christ's very strength throughout the week.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THAT COULD BE ASKED:

- Why do you want to receive Confirmation?
- **Community Service:** What service did you choose and why?
- **Confirmation name:** You should have a conversation with your parents about either choosing a saint's name or if you want to keep your Baptismal name for Confirmation.
- Realizing that Confirmation is not the end, but a continuation in your faith life, how do you plan to participate in the Catholic Church?

Use this time between now and your interview to refresh your knowledge of these basic Catholic beliefs. You should be able to hold a conversation about these points. Your parents can guide you if are unsure about any of these basic beliefs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **PREP STUDENTS will attend confirmation sessions TWICE A MONTH ON MONDAY EVENINGS.**
See the calendar in the red folder for dates.
- **ST. THOMAS SCHOOL STUDENTS** will have *Confirmation classes during the school day.*
- Take this time over the next few weeks to prepare for your Confirmation interview, choose what you will be doing for service and **COMPLETE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.**
- **ALL CONFIRMATION FORMS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.**
- **CALL OR EMAIL THE PREP OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**
- **ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!**