

What to expect when you come to the Confirmation Mass.

1) Welcome back, as we resume public masses with procedures to maximize safety in the presence of the ongoing Covid-19 threat.

Confirmation Mass will be Celebrated on **Friday July 31st at 5:30 PM by Most Reverend Bishop John Dolan.**

There are safety procedures we must follow. Our Church's attendance capacity is limited to a number of people. Therefore, we have restricted attendance to our **confirmation students, parents and one sponsor only**. Unfortunately, these people are who can attend this Mass.

Name of Sponsor (first and last name/ legal name, we cannot list any nick names) is required as they will be listed on the Confirmation certificate and also listed in the Sacrament register book.

If a sponsor will not be able to attend the Confirmation Mass one of the parents can be with the confirmand when they receive their sacrament and act as a proxy during the Mass celebration.

Red Confirmation stoles will be given on the day of the Confirmation Mass and also name tags that students will need to wear at all times during the Sacrament Mass celebration. Please make sure the name tag is visible and legible.

We care for everyone's wellbeing, and given the still fluid situation, if the County of San Diego or our Diocese restricts religious gatherings again, we may need to postpone again or further restrict how many attendees we can have. Mass will be recorded and be available to share on the parish Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Please follow these norms:

2) If the student or any family member at your household or sponsor is sick, has been sick or has a fever, or has been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19, please stay home and notify Barb Mossinghoff at the parish office at email parishsecretary@stpatsd.org or call the office at 619-295-2157.

3) Arrive at 4:50 PM and please be punctual. The parking lot will be closed for cars and it will be used to celebrate the Mass outdoors, so please come with enough time to find street parking in the neighborhood. Parking is scarce so please come extra early to find a place to park outside.

4) Make a line at the Church parking lot gates on 30th Street and keep social distancing for the other families in line while you are waiting to be seated.

5) All Mass attendees must always wear masks that cover mouth and nose.

6) Students, parents and sponsor must check in at Church parking lot doors on 30th Street. (more detailed information of which gate door you will need to access will be sent to you later by email)

7) Please wait for your seating assigned number at the gate and follow the instructions of where you will be seated.

8) If you need to use the restroom, please one household at a time. Ushers (if available) will be outside the restrooms for guidance.

9) Group pictures are discouraged before, after and during the Mass celebration.

10) Students and sponsor (or one parent if he/she is acting as a proxy, will be the only ones standing up when students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation) Parents must stay seated.

It is very important that you have your forehead clear and not covered by hair since you will be anointed on your forehead to receive the sacrament.

while the sacrament is given by the bishop this is the dialog to follow and memorize

The Anointing with Chrism:

Candidate: *(Give your name or Saint's name.) have your name tag visible for the bishop to read.*

Bishop: *"Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Candidate: *"Amen."*

Bishop: *"Peace be with you."*

Candidate: *"And with your spirit."*

- 11) A picture will be taken by a church photographer while students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 12) After confirmand receives the sacrament, you must go back with the sponsor to their designated seats.
- 13) Wait and be patient until the rest of the candidates receive their sacrament.
- 14) When time of receiving communion comes please follow ushers' instructions and guidance.
- 15) Follow the priest's instruction when the time comes to receive communion.
- 16) Approach the priest one household at a time, with your student first, followed by the rest of your family.
- 17) Communion must only be received, in the hands; the priest will say "the body of Christ". Reply, "Amen" lower your masks, extend your hands to receive the Body of Christ.
- 18) Consume the Eucharist. Replace your mask so that it covers your nose and mouth.
- 19) Once all in the household have received the sacrament, walk back to your designated seats.
- 20) The bishop will give a final blessing as dismissal. Please, after Mass is over go to your car and leave the church grounds.

Congratulations to all the students that receive your Sacrament of Confirmation, and to Parents and sponsor. Thank you very much for your cooperation and participation!!