



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



Confirmation Update as of May 29, 2020

Thank you for your patience. We now have a plan for Confirmation. The Confirmation Mass this year will look very different compared to past years as we make adaptations to follow the state of California and Diocesan guidelines for church gatherings.

Our Confirmation Mass date is Saturday June 20, 2020. The class has been divided into 2 groups and assigned a Confirmation Mass time of either 9am or 11am. There are only 22 pews available per mass to allow for social distancing and to stay under our maximum capacity of 100 people. Please see below for your assigned mass. The groups were assigned by class and alphabetically.

Bishop McElroy has delegated Fr. Minh to administer the sacrament of Confirmation.

Each candidate can have 3 other people in their pew – but no more. 1 of those 3 people should be an adult who is a Confirmed Catholic who can act as a Proxy Sponsor (probably a parent). A Proxy is essentially a “stand in” for the Sponsor. Sponsors who are not in the candidate’s family / household should not attend these Confirmation masses as the Proxy Sponsor will take their place. Those 3 other people can only be family members currently living in the same household as the candidate. No other guests are allowed either in their pew or elsewhere. Candidates should sit on the aisle side of the pew with their Proxy Sponsor next to them.

At Confirmation time, candidates and their Proxy Sponsor will stand but stay in their pew and Fr. Minh will walk up the aisle to them. The Proxy Sponsor will put their right hand on the candidate’s right shoulder. When Fr. Minh arrives, the candidate should say their Confirmation Name to Fr. Minh. Fr. Minh will say “(Confirmation Name) be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit” and make the sign of the cross on the candidate’s forehead with the Chrism Oil. The candidate will respond “Amen”. Fr. Minh will say “Peace be with you”. The Candidate will respond “and with your Spirit”. Fr. Minh will then move on to the next pew and then the candidate and Proxy Sponsor can sit back down.

All other guidelines on the church website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/church-reopening-updated> must be followed. Please take a moment to review those before attending. Masks are mandatory and are to be worn at all times while on church grounds.

There can be no group photos or gathering of people not in the same family / household. Please keep a social distance of 6 feet between all other people at all times.

As for the dress code, please see the video for Confirmation Immediate Preparation Class #5 at the 4 minute mark at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCwWROILrM4&list=PLcsHYIy2zCpeIFL-aJXsZCWm5RVmg10Ht&index=2> The same dress code applies to your family. Obviously that video from March 29, 2020 has some things in it that are now updated by these new guidelines.

Please arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled mass time and go directly to your assigned pew until mass begins.

If a candidate can't make our June 20, 2020 date but would still like to be Confirmed please call other local churches to see if they are accepting non-parishioners at their Confirmation masses and let me know through email at mjames@nativitycatholic.org.

If a candidate chooses, they can defer their Confirmation at Nativity until next year in 2021. Please let me know if choosing that through email at mjames@nativitycatholic.org.

Parents, please celebrate with your teen after the mass to mark this important stage in their faith development. While Confirmation is not the end of their Catholic education, it is an important milestone to celebrate! I promised them in the first class that although the Confirmation Program is a 2 ½ month commitment to the process that it would be worth it in the end! The grace that you as parents started at their baptisms is now completed in their Confirmations! That is a big deal! These teens represent the best we have in Catholic Religious Education and are a symbol of all the years the parents (and teens) have dedicated to their Catholic faith. It is the culmination of many months of planning and hard work of many people, especially our teens!

Sincerely,
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Church of the Nativity
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9AM MASS GROUP

1. Michael Sweeney
2. William Banning
3. Jia Budelsky
4. Ryan Bugg
5. Rachel Donaldson
6. Taylor Eagan
7. Ireland Fravel
8. Maverick Helfert
9. Will Jorgensen
10. Boden Kerr
- 10a. Skylar Kerr
11. Georgia Kimmel
12. Grace Kotsay
13. Breanna Laureti
14. Isabella Leyva
15. Christopher Marquand
16. Cynthia Meyers
17. Gavin Michelsen
18. Charles Mirer
19. Isabelle Mossy

11AM MASS GROUP

1. Dylan Murphy
2. Liam Ostadan
3. Zenga Picano
4. Max Platovsky Mazaira
5. Jared Schenk
6. Amelia Scherer
7. Sophia Sedlock
8. Ryan Shakiba
9. Ava Thuresson
10. Sophie Walton
11. Alex Barsily
12. Ferran Fernandez
13. Caroline Fields
14. Lauren Gash
15. Joseph Legg
16. Linda Cardenas
17. Anthony Meader
18. Keely Ryan

If your teen's name is not on either of these lists it means they are not eligible for Confirmation yet because they have not completed all the requirements for Confirmation. Please encourage them to complete their work and Final interview as soon as possible so they may be assigned a mass and pew.