

Confirmation Mass:

1. Entrance Procession

- Candidates and their Sponsors will process into their assigned pews (this will be rehearsed at the rehearsal)
- The Mass begins with an opening hymn and greeting.

2. Liturgy of the Word

- Scripture readings are proclaimed, and the Gospel is read
- The bishop gives the homily, explaining the meaning of Confirmation and the role of the Holy Spirit.

3. Presentation of the Candidates

- Candidates are formally presented to the bishop by Fr. Joe
- The bishop acknowledges that the candidates are prepared to receive the Sacrament.

4. Renewal of Baptismal Promises

- Candidates **stand** and renew the promises made at Baptism.
- This is your **personal “YES” to the faith.**

5. Laying On of Hands

- The bishop extends his hands over all the candidates.
- He prays for the outpouring of the **Holy Spirit**.
- This gesture calls down God’s strength and grace upon you.

6. Anointing with Sacred Chrism

- Candidates come forward **one at a time with their sponsor**.
- Your sponsor places their hand on your shoulder.
- Your sponsor introduces you to the Bishop
- The bishop anoints your forehead with Sacred Chrism and says:
“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- You respond: **“Amen.”**
- The bishop says: **“Peace be with you.”**
- You respond: **“And with your spirit.”**

7. Universal Prayer

- Prayers are offered

8. Liturgy of the Eucharist

- The Mass continues as usual.
- The Eucharistic Prayer is prayed.

9. Holy Communion

- Confirmed Catholics who are properly prepared receive Communion.

10. Final Blessing and Dismissal

- The bishop gives a special blessing to the newly confirmed.
- The Mass ends, and the congregation is sent forth to **live out the faith**.