

# **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.**