

April 14, 2023

Good Morning!

***No Mass or Confessions today.***

[How to Recite the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy | The Divine Mercy](#)

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Stop by the School Art Expo tomorrow night beginning at 6:00 in the Parish Hall.

1. Today's Readings: [Friday in the Octave of Easter | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: As promised yesterday, here are the answers to the "Are you smarter than a Confirmation student" test from yesterday (labeled as study guide). How did you do? (If you haven't taken the test yet, we've attached another copy for you to try first.)

3. Quotes of the Day:

~"May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with heavenly blessings - the desire to seek God, the faith to follow Him, and the eagerness to know Him more fully each day." *A Confirmation Prayer*

~"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the Word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day." *Pope Francis*

***St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

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## CONFIRMATION STUDY GUIDE

The Blessed Trinity is one God in three divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

### **What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the 3 sacraments of initiation. In it the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

God has written the **NATURAL LAW** on our hearts.

Who made us? God made us.

### **How is the Bible divided?**

The Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament.

**How many books are in the Bible?** 73. 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

### **What is a virtue?**

A virtue is a good habit that makes it possible to act in a way that is pleasing to God.

### **What is a Sacrament?**

A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by God to give grace.

**What are the three sacraments of Initiation?** Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation

**What are the two sacraments of healing?** Confession and Anointing of the Sick

**What are the two sacraments of service?** Marriage and Holy Orders

**Three Theological Virtues:** ("These virtues are called theological virtues because they have God for their proper object.")

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Love

### **Four Cardinal Virtues:**

1. Prudence
2. Justice
3. Fortitude
4. Temperance

### **4 Marks of the Church:**

1. One
2. Holy
3. Catholic
4. Apostolic

What are the first four books of the New Testament (**the four gospels**)?

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John

Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

**What do we mean by the Immaculate Conception?**

By the Immaculate Conception, we mean that Mary was conceived without sin in the womb of St. Anne, her mother.

The Church gives us **5 precepts that are the minimal practices for every Catholic**. Name them.

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fast and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

In addition, Catholics must marry according to the laws of the Church and participate in the evangelical mission of the Church.

**Name the Ten Commandments:**

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The word "confirmation" comes from firmare, the Latin word meaning "to strengthen."

A person can receive Confirmation only once during their life.

The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop.

To receive Confirmation, one should be in the state of grace. In order to do this, one should go to the sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation) before receiving Confirmation.

Our bishop's name is Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune. It is proper to address him as Bishop Fabre or Your Excellency.

The confirmandi are anointed with Sacred Chrism during the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints an indelible spiritual mark on the Christian's soul.

When receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, one must have a qualified sponsor to be with them. **The qualifications of a sponsor are:**

- A. The person must be 16 years old.
- B. The person must be a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.
- C. The person must attend Mass and receive the sacraments regularly according to Church precepts.

The role of a **sponsor** is to pray for, guide and be a good Catholic role model for the confirmandi.

The **Confirmation saint** is a saint in heaven that can be a role model that we imitate and an intercessor for us.

What must we do to gain the happiness of heaven? To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world.

### **Name the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Counsel
4. Knowledge
5. Fortitude
6. Piety
7. Fear of the Lord