

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION PACKAGE 2021-2022

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We are very happy that your child is preparing to receive Confirmation in 2022! Please take some time to fill out this registration package and mark all pertinent dates in your calendar. We suggest you simply detach the last page and stick it to your fridge for an easy reminder. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email our Youth Minister at ahoy@archtoronto.org

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Visit <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>. Fill out the “**2022 Confirmation Registration Form**”
2. Attend **1 Parent Information Session** (via Zoom). Attendance at this meeting is mandatory. At this meeting we ask that you complete prior to the meeting the following:
 - a. A copy of the **child's baptismal certificate** (in digital format and english) and emailed to ahoy@archtoronto.org
 - b. **\$60** (paid by **cheque ONLY** payable to “St. Luke's Parish”; Memo “2022 Confirmation – Your Child's Name”)
 - c. Complete “**2022 Confirmation Sponsors Form**” at <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>
3. Once the above steps have been completed, your child may attend the Confirmation Preparation Classes. **See the final page of this package for class dates and times.**

FAQ'S ABOUT CONFIRMATION

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is an essential part of Christian initiation. The Bishop seals us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament is intended to:

- root us more deeply as sons & daughters of God;
- incorporate us more firmly into Christ;
- strengthen our bond with the Church;
- associate us more closely with the mission of the Church; and
- strengthen us to bear witness to the Christian faith.

WHAT IS A SPONSOR?

A **model of faith** for the candidate and must be a **fully initiated, practicing Catholic** in good standing under church laws. It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be a godparent who undertook the role at Baptism.

The sponsor is to **work with the candidate for Confirmation** to ensure that he/she behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament. The sponsor must be:

1. At least 16 years of age.
2. They have been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation);
3. In good standing with the Church (e.g. has not married outside of the Catholic Church; not cohabiting; attends Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation) and is not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

HOW TO CHOOSE A SPONSOR

1. **Pray to the Holy Spirit** and ask him to reveal who in your life might be able to serve as your sponsor;
2. **Consider your godparents**; if either of them are practicing their faith and willing, they are fantastic choices for your sponsor;
3. **Consider aunts, uncles, family friends who often share their faith and attend Mass regularly**, these adults who are **strong in their faith** will be able to lead you closer to God throughout your life;
4. Ensure that whichever person you choose meets all the requirements listed above (is 16 years or older, is fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church, and regularly attends Sunday Mass).
5. If you and your family need help finding someone to serve as your sponsor, make sure they indicate this on the registration form and we will make sure you get one.

WHY MUST I TAKE PART IN A PARISH-BASED PROGRAM WHEN I AM ATTENDING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

The Catholic schools assist the parents and the parish with what is called "initial preparation" for the sacraments. Initial preparation deals primarily with content: What do we believe as Catholics?

"Immediate preparation," which takes place shortly before a Sacrament is celebrated is the responsibility of the parents and the parish. Immediate preparation leads the candidates to take a closer and more intimate look at their relationship with God and with the Church.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS?

Enrolling in the Confirmation program means **commitment to taking part in all aspects of the preparation sessions and the retreat**. If you are sick or have some other serious conflict, contact the coordinator of the program to arrange to make up the session. Candidates who fail to participate without a valid reason may be required to withdraw from the program and delay receiving the sacrament of Confirmation to a later date.

© All above FAQ information taken directly from the Archdiocesan website,

<https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/sacraments-and-sacramentals/confirmation>

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that students complete a certain degree of preparation in the school, home and Parish before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Below are the requirements outlined and explained.

1. Students must complete the Confirmation preparation classes offered by the Parish. The dates for these classes are listed on the Calendar attached to this package. If a student knows they will miss one class it is their job to find out which alternative dates would suffice as a make-up class, and to contact the Youth Minister.
2. Students must attend a one-day retreat offered by the Parish. The dates for this retreat are to be determined and will be shared with parents in the Fall via email.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2021/22

OPTION 1

Please carefully read and mark the appropriate dates on your calendar.
All events are held via Zoom Meeting unless otherwise specified.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
TBD	TBD	Enrolment Rite Ceremony Sunday Mass
Thursday, Nov.4 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 1
Thursday, Nov.11 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 2
Thursday, Nov.18 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 3
Thursday, Nov.25 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 4
Thursday, Dec.2 nd	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 5
Thursday, Dec.9 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 6
Thursday, Jan.13 ^h	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 7
Thursday, Jan.20 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 8
Thursday, Jan.27 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 9
Thursday, Feb.3 rd	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 10
Thursday, Feb.10 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 11
Thursday, Feb.17 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 12
Thursday, Feb.24 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 13
Thursday, Mar.3 rd	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 14
Thursday, Mar.10 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 15
Thursday, Mar.24 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 16
Thursday, Mar.31 st	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 17
Thursday, Apr.7 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 18
Thursday, Apr. 21 st	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 19
Thursday, Apr. 28 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Class 20
TBD	TBD	Confirmation Rehearsal
TBD	TBD	Confirmation Ceremony*

*Confirmandi and parents must arrive 1 hour prior to Mass to rehearse, receive gowns and get seats.

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CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2021/2022

OPTION 2

Please carefully read and mark the appropriate dates on your calendar.
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
TBD	TBD	Enrolment Rite Ceremony Sunday Mass
Saturday, Nov.6 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 1
Saturday, Nov.13 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 2
Saturday, Nov.20 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 3
Saturday, Nov.27 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 4
Saturday, Dec.4 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 5
Saturday, Dec.11 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 6
Saturday, Jan.15 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 7
Saturday, Jan.22 nd	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 8
Saturday, Jan.29 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 9
Saturday, Feb.5 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 10
Saturday, Feb.12 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 11
Saturday, Feb.26 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 12
Saturday, Mar.5 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 13
Saturday, Mar.12 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 14
Saturday, Mar.26 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 15
Saturday, Apr.2 nd	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 16
Saturday, Apr.9 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 17
Saturday, Apr.23 rd	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 18
Saturday, Apr. 30 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 19
Saturday, May. 7 th	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Class 20
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PARENT PROGRAM (OPTIONAL) – THE SEARCH

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tuesday, Nov.2 nd	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Tuesday, Nov.9 th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Tuesday, Nov.16 th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Tuesday, Nov.23 rd	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Tuesday, Nov.30 th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Tuesday, Dec.7 th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Tuesday, Dec.14 th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Class 1
Saturday, Jan.15 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Jan.22 nd	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Jan.29 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Feb.5 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Feb.12 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Feb.26 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Mar.5 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 2
Saturday, Mar.12 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3
Saturday, Mar.26 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3
Saturday, Apr.2 nd	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3
Saturday, Apr.9 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3
Saturday, Apr.23 rd	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3
Saturday, Apr.30 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3
Saturday, May 7 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Class 3