

Sacramental **CONFIRMATION CALENDAR** for 2021/22 at St Mary's Parish

Anyone who is Baptized Catholic and in Grade 6 or older

Questions/concerns please contact charmaine.marcinek@rdcrs.ca or (403) 347-3114 at the Parish Office

<p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>\$15/family to cover costs of resources and materials payable to St Mary's Parish (e-transfer or stop in at the church during office hours)</p> <p>- Hand in Baptism Certificate Sponsor Form and PIPA form</p> <p>* Has your child receive 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist? If not contact the church</p>	<p>Registration will close Jan 31, 2022</p> <p>* Please remember to scan and send in a copy of your Child's Baptism Certificate, and signed Sponsor Form to charmaine.marcinek@rdcrs.ca</p> <p>** You Must REGISTER ONLINE https://stmarysparish.jimdo.com/</p> <p>* Under Sacraments and then Confirmation or call us to make other arrangements (403) 347-3114 ext 4</p>
<p>Family Orientation Session</p>	<p>Complete the Online Family Orientation Session as you journey with your child towards the Sacraments</p> <p>** <i>Attend Mass in person or online with your child</i></p>
<p>Responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete Sessions at home - complete Take Home Exam - consider writing Thank you letters to Sponsor, Fr Mirek/Archbishop <p>Check the website and Timeline sheet below for more details</p>	<p>Session 1: Who is Jesus? and Take-Home Exam</p> <p>Sessions 2: Baptism and Eucharist</p> <p>Session 3: Understanding Reconciliation</p> <p>Session 4: Discipleship</p> <p>Session 5: Gifts of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Session 6: Preparing for Confirmation</p> <p>* Send in 1 thing you have learnt from each of the sessions (Once on the parish site under Confirmation then Sign in under "1 thing I've learnt – Session # __")</p>
<p>Reconciliation:</p> <p>* All students need to receive Reconciliation before Confirmation</p>	<p><u>Dates and times to be determined for early May at St Mary's Parish</u></p>
<p>Family Session</p>	<p>"Are You Ready for Confirmation?"</p> <p>Available online in April</p>
<p>Rehearsal:</p> <p>** Sponsor and student must be in their designated seats **</p>	<p>dates to be determined (late May/early June)</p> <p>30 min before Mass</p> <p>Please practice how to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit and "How to go to Communion" – Session 6</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION MASS</p> <p>*Please arrive at least 45 min ahead</p> <p>** group pictures after Mass</p>	<p>dates to be determined (late May/early June)</p> <p>You will receive an email when we have dates and times available.</p>

Look on the **Website:** <https://stmarysparish.jimdo.com/> for

Sponsor Forms, Updates on Calendar, PIPA Form, CENSUS Form, At Home Exam, Letter Templates

HOMEWORK:

- ✚ COMPLETE Sessions together as a family and do Reflection questions at home
- ✚ HAND IN Baptism Certificate and Sponsor Form to the church ASAP
- ✚ COMPLETE At Home Exam and Letters to Fr Mirek and Archbishop– hand in by Rehearsal
- ✚ Consider writing a Thank you Letter to Your Sponsor– give to Sponsor before Confirmation
- ✚ Parents consider writing a Letter to your child (Hopes and Dreams) give to them before Confirmation
- ✚ Attend Mass online or in person – this will help in feeling comfortable with receiving their Sacrament*
- ✚ Please check email and website consistently to get updates and any changes that may occur

Suggested Timeline (work together as a family with your Sponsor if possible)

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1) **Orientation Session** (Available online as well as attached below)

We invite you to work through it as a family before you start the Confirmation Sessions.

2) **January** - begin **Confirmation Session 1 and 2 as a family.** (Available after Christmas)

This includes the "[Continuing Your Faith Journey Reflection](#)" afterwards.

If possible, not only do these sessions as a family, but include your child's Sponsor whenever possible.

A **Conversation with the Sponsor** through Skype, Zoom, Google Meet or even a phone call would be good in sharing this journey with the Sponsor on a regular basis.

Please send in 1 thing you have learnt from each of these two sessions.

Sign in online under **1 thing I've learnt – Session ½**. I will compile them & share them with the group.

(Session 1 and 2 - Due Feb 1)

3) **Jan/Feb** – begin the **Take Home Exam** – it is a lot of information at the start, so pace yourselves.

4) **February** – begin **Confirmation Sessions 3 and 4 as a family.** (Available at the end of Jan)

This includes the "[Continuing Your Faith Journey Reflection](#)" afterwards.

If possible, not only do these sessions as a family, but include your child's Sponsor whenever possible.

Please send in 1 thing you have learnt from each of these two sessions back to this email.

Sign in online under **1 thing I've learnt – Session 3/4**. I will compile them & share them with the group.

(Session 3 and 4 - Due March 1)

5) **March/April** – begin the **Letters** you are asked to write. (Available Online already)

a) Parent Letter to your child – give to your child before Confirmation

b) Sponsor Letter from the student – give to the Sponsor before Confirmation

c) Fr Mirek/Archbishop Letter from the student – hand in to the church by Rehearsal

* **Templates for writing the letters are included online and attached to this email.**

6) **March** – begin **Confirmation Sessions 5 as a family** (Available at the end of Feb)

This includes the "[Continuing Your Faith Journey Reflection](#)" afterwards with your Sponsor.

Please send in 1 thing you have learnt from this session back to this email.

Sign in online under **1 thing I've learnt – Session 5**. I will compile them & share them with the group.

(Session 5 - Due April 1)

7) **April** - begin **Confirmation Sessions 6 as a family** (Available at the end of March)

This includes the "[Continuing Your Faith Journey Reflection](#)" afterwards with your Sponsor.

Please send in 1 thing you have learnt from this session back to this email.

Sign in online under **1 thing I've learnt – Session 6**. I will compile them & share them with the group.

(Session 6 - Due May 1)

8) **May - Reconciliation before Confirmation** (dates to still be determined)

Even though your child has received their 1st Reconciliation, it is important that they go again just before Confirmation (go through Session 3 to help remember the process)

9) **May – Family Session: "Are You Ready for Confirmation?"** (Available online in April) with **Questions/Reflections** to send back to me to let the church know that your child is ready for Confirmation will be available in April.

*We are also hoping to have an in person small group Session or at least a Google Meet Session in May.

10) Late May/Early June - **Sacrament of Confirmation** – dates still to be determined.

Please set aside a special time every few weeks or so to work through the Sessions together.