

**Religious Education
St. Rose of Lima Church**

Frequently Asked Questions

Confirmation

Q: Can an older sibling serve as a Confirmation sponsor?

A: Yes. As long as the sibling is at least 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic. We do not recommend this, however.

Q: Can a parent serve as a Confirmation sponsor?

A: No.

Q: If circumstances prevent the sponsor from attending the Confirmation liturgy, can a Proxy stand in for the sponsor?

A: Yes.

Q: Can a deceased person serve as a Confirmation sponsor?

A: No. The sponsor must be 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic.

Q: Is it possible to receive more than 4 tickets per family for Confirmation?

A: If there are families who do not need all of their tickets, they will be distributed to those who request additional tickets on a first come, first serve basis.

Q: Does the sponsor need a ticket for the Confirmation?

A: Neither the sponsor nor the candidate needs a ticket.

Q: When does Confirmation at St. Rose of Lima usually take place?

A: Usually on a Friday afternoon in April at either 2 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. The schedule is subject to the Bishop's approval.

Q: Does the sponsor need to be present for the two rehearsals?

A: No. But on the day of Confirmation, we ask that sponsors be present in the school gym with the candidate for a brief rehearsal one hour prior to the start of the Confirmation service.

Q: Can a Confirmation candidate use their baptismal name for Confirmation?

A: They can either use their Baptismal name or choose the name of a saint.

Q: Does the Confirmation candidate need to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (penance) prior to Confirmation?

A: Yes. A service of Reconciliation for candidates and their families is held on a Saturday in January for this purpose.

Q: Are families permitted to videotape or photograph the Confirmation liturgy?

A: Photography and videography are not permitted during the liturgy. However, following the service there is an opportunity for families to take pictures of the students and the priests in the school cafeteria.

First Eucharist

Q: When do children receive First Eucharist?

A: Second Graders receive First Eucharist on a Saturday in May.

Q: Must girls wear white dresses for their First Holy Communion?

A: No. Any “Sunday best” attire is acceptable.

Q: What is the dress code for boys?

A: Some boys wear blue or white suits. Slacks, shirt and tie and a jacket are fine as well.

Q: Are families permitted to use photography or videography during the liturgy?

A: Photography or videography are not permitted during the Mass. There is ample opportunity following the Mass to take pictures.

Q: When will I know the exact time of my child’s First Eucharist?

A: This information is distributed to parents at the First Reconciliation Parent meeting in October.

Q: Do the children receive First Holy Communion with their class, as a group?

A: Children approach the priest accompanied by family members who are seated with them in the pew. In this way, the family both surrounds their child and “presents” them as they did in Baptism.

Q: What do we do if my family has more guests than can sit in our family pew?

A: Additional guests in be seated in pews not designated by student banners.

First Reconciliation

Q: When do children receive First Reconciliation?

A: Second graders at St. Rose of Lima receive First Reconciliation on a Saturday in January.

Q: Do the children need to attend a separate rehearsal for First Reconciliation?

A: No. Children are prepared by their teachers in their classes.

Q: Is there a dress code for First Reconciliation?

A: Children are encouraged to wear their “Sunday best.” Jeans, T-Shirts, and sneakers are not acceptable.

Q: How can I help my child to prepare for the sacrament?

A: Go over the Examination of Conscience with them and help them to memorize the Act of Contrition. Bringing your child to the Advent Penance service so that they can see what takes place is also helpful.

Q: Are we permitted to take pictures and videos during the service?

A: No. The use of photography or videography is not permitted.