

## Pope Francis Catechesis 30 October 2024

The sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit reaches us primarily through two channels: the *Word of God* and the *Sacraments*. And among all the Sacraments, there is one that is quintessentially the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit, and it is on this that I would like to focus today. It is the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the New Testament, beyond baptism with water, another rite is mentioned, that of the *imposition of hands*, which has the purpose of communicating the Holy Spirit visibly and in a charismatic way, with effects analogous to those produced by the Apostles at Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles refer to a significant episode in this regard. Having heard that some in Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John there from Jerusalem. They “went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit” (8:14-17). Added to this is what Saint Paul writes in the Second Letter to the Corinthians: “The one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; He has also put His seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment” (1:21-22). The guarantee of the Spirit. The theme of the Holy Spirit as a “royal seal” with which Christ marks his sheep is at the basis of the doctrine of the “indelible character” conferred by this rite. With the passing of time, the rite of anointing took shape as a Sacrament in itself, assuming diverse forms and content in the various ages and different rites of the Church. This is not the place to retrace this very complex history. What the Sacrament of Confirmation is in the understanding of the Church seems to me to be described in a very simple and clear way by the Catechism of adults of the Italian Episcopal Conference. It says: “Confirmation is for all the faithful what Pentecost was for the entire Church. ... It reinforces the baptismal incorporation into Christ and the Church and the consecration to the prophetic, royal and priestly mission. It communicates the abundance of the gifts of the Spirit. ... If, therefore, Baptism is the Sacrament of birth, Confirmation is the Sacrament of growth. For this very reason it is also the Sacrament of witness, because this is closely linked to the maturity of Christian existence”. [1] The Catechism up to this point. The problem is how to ensure that the Sacrament of Confirmation is not reduced, in practice, to “last rites”, that is the Sacrament of “departure” from the Church. It is said that it is the *farewell Sacrament*, because once young people do it they go away and then return for marriage. This is what people say... but we must ensure that it is rather the Sacrament of participation, of active participation in the life of the Church. It is a milestone that can seem impossible, given the current situation throughout the Church, but this does not mean that we should stop pursuing it. It will not be so for all Confirmands, children or adults, but it is important that it is at least for some who will then go on to be the animators of the community. It can be useful, for this purpose, to be helped in preparing for the Sacrament by lay faithful who have had a personal encounter with Christ and have had a true experience of the Spirit. Some people say that they have experienced it as a blossoming of the Sacrament of Confirmation received as children. But this does not relate only to future Confirmands; it relates to all of us and at any time. Together with *Confirmation* and *anointing*, we have received, the Apostle assures us, also the *bond* of the Spirit, which elsewhere he calls “the first fruits of the Spirit” (Rm 8:23). We must “spend” this bond, savour these first fruits, not bury underground the charisms and talents received. Saint Paul exhorted the disciple Timothy to “stir into flame the gift of God: that you have through the imposition of my hands” (2 Tim 1:6), and the verb used suggests the image of one who breathes on the fire to revive the flame. Here is a good goal for the Jubilee year! To remove the ashes of habit and disengagement, to become, like the torchbearers at the Olympics, bearers of the flame of the Spirit. May the Spirit help us to take a few steps in this direction!

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## XXXII SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



### HOLY MASS

**Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.**

**Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.**  
**10:30 am Creole, Church.**  
**12:30 pm Spanish, Church.**

**Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.**

**Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.**

**05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.**

### SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.**

**1st Confession: 13 June, 2025.**  
**1st Communions: 22 June, 2025.**

**Confirmations: November 10, 2024.**

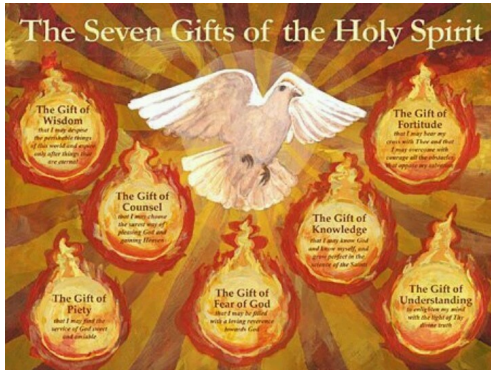
**Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.**

**Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.**

**Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.**

# Sacrament of Confirmation

27 Youths and Adults are receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through this beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation. Administered by Rev. Msgr Ronald Rozniak



1. Andre Inaude
2. Adeena Anson Gilbert
3. Agerome Alexis
4. Alexander Jhun
5. Amika Jackson
6. Angel Ferreira
7. Annet Furlford
8. Bernard Herman
9. Breanna Jean
10. Brenko Jean
11. Cadance Grant
12. Claudia Kazowski\*
13. Marie Dominique Milien Sorio
14. Ezekiel Martin\*
15. Fanny Pinales
16. Guilene Louis
17. Hannah Saintilien
18. Jasmin Ajith

19. Jasmin Mesa
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21. Jose Joaquin Rojas
22. Leenika Frant Soiro
23. Matthieu LeDaridor
24. Radhy
25. Stherlin Charles
26. Yamileidy Garcia\*
27. Wilber Robinson



## HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS

4:00 pm—5:00pm.

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist.

## HOLY DOOR

### JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN TCI.

In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.

# Parish Events November 10-17

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am and 12:30pm**

- 04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.  
 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.  
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.  
 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.  
 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

## Monday St. Martin of Tours

- 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

## Tuesday St. Josephat

- 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room  
 07:00pm First English St. Mary Chapel  
 07:00pm Second English SMG  
 07:00pm Spanish St. Joseph room

## Wednesday St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

- 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
 05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room  
 07:00pm 3rd English SMG, Upstairs  
 07:00pm 4th English St. Joseph Room  
 07:00pm 5th English St. Mary's  
 07:00pm Creole Bl. Sac. Chapel

## Thursday

- 05:00pm Confessions near Holly Door  
 05:30pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

## Friday St. Albert the Great

- 04:00pm Adoration, SMG upstairs  
 05:30pm Daily Mass ,SMG upstairs

## Saturday St. Margaret of Scotland

- 05:30pm Mass in Church  
 07:00pm Eucharist NCW



# School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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**Holy Family Academy had the privilege of having two students place first in the Fortis speed math competition last weekend!**



**High school students this week received the good news of the lost sheep in the morning mass where they recognized the importance of daily conversion to go back to God.**



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