

Confirmation

Gift of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION. Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are witnesses of Christ, bound to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.

Origins of the Sacrament

The Old Testament prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan by John was the sign that this was the expected one: the Son of God, who would communicate the Spirit to the entire messianic people. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God, and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be a sign of the messianic age.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the doctrine on Baptism and the Laying on of Hands is listed among the first elements in Christian instruction. The Laying on of Hands is recognized as the original sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The Bishop

The original ministers of Confirmation are the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. They have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (The Bishop may transfer this mandate to the local Parish Priest.) The Sacred Chrism used for the Anointing was blessed at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral during the previous Holy Week.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community; ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. (Acts 2.1-4).

The entire Church benefits by Confirmation: it conveys the grace of *Pentecost*, enabling us to live with the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Generosity, Goodness, Perseverance, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Contenance, Chastity.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✘ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✘ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✘ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a spiritual mark or permanent, indelible character on the Christian's soul. A Candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith; be in the state of grace; desire to receive the Sacrament; and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both in the Church and in the world.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Laying On of Hands*¹

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____ , be sealed
with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”



Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 31 July 2022

Saturday, 30 July / St. Chrysologus, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Camila Maulion (Corine)
8.30 am Memorial Prayers: Teresita del Castillo
5.00 pm Mass: † Denzil Stephens (Shoba Ryan)

SUNDAY, 31 JULY / 18-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Mikayla Carriago
(Genn & Gina Arroyo)
10.30 am Mass: † Rosario & Rolando Diaz (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Olimpio Macabali (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 1 Aug. / St. Alphonsus Liguori, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Carol Morra
7.00 pm Mass: † Michael Joseph & Veronica Martin
(Eleanor & Mikhail)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 2 Aug. / St. Eusebius of Vercelli, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Donley Johnson (Mom, Theresa)

Wednesday, 3 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Christina Suska (Carol Morra)

Thursday, 4 Aug. / St. John Vianney, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Nilda Bercasio (Virginia Tabat)

Friday, 5 Aug. / Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

- *Fr. Elias Chachati, birthday (1955)*
- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Fr. Elias (CWL)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Fr. Elias
7.30 pm RCIA

Saturday, 6 Aug. / Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Anastasia Bormas
(Cindy & Brian Anthony)
10.00 am RCIC
3.00 pm Wedding: Lyon Lobo & Rajnie Chauhan
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 7 AUG. / 19-C

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Jean & John Dabrowski (Ray)
12.00 pm Mass: † Emma Carreon (family)
2.30 pm Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the **Blessed Trinity Prayer Group** for their gift of the beautiful vases of flowers in front of the Altar on 30 May. God bless you and your prayer for the Church.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Focus on the Word

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Ecclesiastes 1.2-23; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Amen.

ShareLife 2022

Many thanks for your contribution to our 2022 Parish Campaign.

Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife*.

Our Parish goal for 2022 is: \$42,000.00

This year's *ShareLife* campaign ends on: **31 July**.

Please donate, and help us reach our goal! Your generosity will help bring compassion and hope to others.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults: 5 August, 2 Sept. - 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 6 August, 3 Sept. - 10.00 am

Chaplet of St. Michael

Beautiful booklets are available in the Vestibule, providing a guide to the *Chaplet of St. Michael*.

- [1] Whoever would practise this devotion in my honour will have, when approaching the Holy Table, an escort of nine angels, one from each of the nine choirs.
- [2] For the daily recital of these nine salutations, I promise my continual assistance and that of all the holy angels, during life and after death.
- [3] For those who have been holy enough to warrant a short purgatory, deliverance for yourself and your relatives.

Questions? Email **Leonard** at: write2Leo91@gmail.com

2nd Collection: 31 July, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 31 July, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

COMING UP

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- 14 Aug. 2nd Collection: *Canadian Missions*
15 Aug. *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
17 Aug. Annual CATHOLIC CEMETERY Masses
27 Aug. Wedding: Grisani & Fernandes
28 Aug. 2nd Collection: Maintenance

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on Parish activities, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2022

In and out of group homes.

How a young woman beat the odds.



At the age of 12, Zara lost her mother to cancer. This put a tremendous burden on Zara, as her father traveled for work regularly. She was left to care for herself and her younger sister who had a learning disability. Her father eventually remarried, but Zara did not get along with her stepmother. The increasingly heated conflict ended with Zara landing in and out of group homes before finally being referred to COVENANT HOUSE.

Zara was initially nervous about her new surroundings. She had trouble eating and was visibly uncomfortable in the common space. It took a long time for her to open up to staff and others.

She worked hard on her goals

Zara spent a year in COVENANT HOUSE's transitional housing program, where staff worked with her and helped her find an apartment. Zara quickly bloomed. She worked hard on her goals and asked for help when she needed it. She wanted to succeed. She achieved many beautiful milestones: she became comfortable with herself, made friends, graduated from high school, and took the first step to reconnect with her family and mend the relationship with her stepmother.

Now happily living on her own, Zara is looking forward to her next goal: she is going to college to begin her studies to become a Child and Youth Worker.

Your gift supports over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients that serve the poor and marginalized in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond. *ShareLife*-funded social service agencies help the entire community, regardless of religious affiliation or financial means.

Your help brings hope to All *Living the Gospel by providing for those in need*

Give a helping hand to those who need it most, right here at home. By donating to *ShareLife*, you help support over 40 agencies to serve the most vulnerable people in our community – regardless of their faith, age, or background.

2,785

People with special needs and their caregivers were supported

21,750

People helped through counselling and mental health programs

10,000

Seniors' lives were improved through social activities, health services and grocery support

The Papal Visit

An Historic Journey

Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to Canada from 24 to 29 July 2022.

Where is the Pope going?

Given the vast landscape of our country, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year-old Pontiff, the Pope will use three communities as bases for his Canadian Visit. The hubs are: **EDMONTON, QUEBEC CITY, and IQALUIT.**

Edmonton is home to the 2nd largest number of Indigenous people living in urban Canadian centres. In addition, 25 residential schools were located in Alberta, the most of any province or territory.

Iqaluit, with a population of 8,000 people, is home to the largest number of Inuit in Canada (approx. 3,900). Pope Francis was personally invited by the Inuit delegates to visit the North during their meetings in March.

Quebec City provides an eastern hub for those who may wish to travel to see Pope Francis, especially Indigenous Peoples of the East. The region is also home to Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré, one of the oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites in North America, drawing Indigenous Peoples and others from throughout Canada and around the world each year.

How will Indigenous People participate in the Visit?

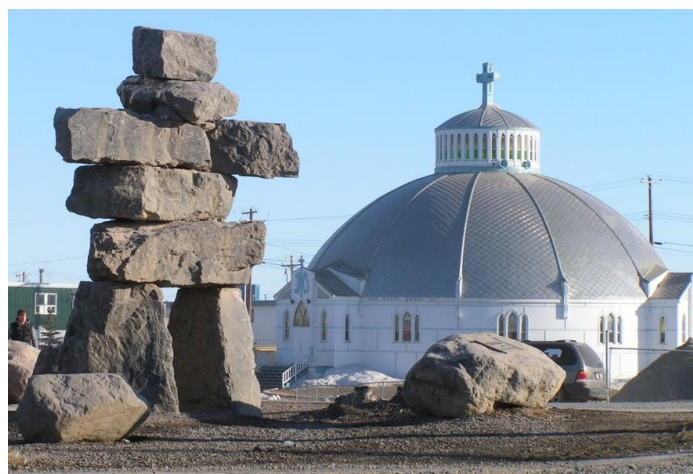
Indigenous People have been engaged throughout the planning for the Papal Visit to Canada. These conversations began with delegates preparing to visit the Vatican in March/April 2022 and continued during their private meetings with Pope Francis as well as ongoing dialogue with a working group of Canadian Bishops. Indigenous partners have also been involved in advance visits to possible sites for the Papal Visit.

With confirmation of dates and locations of the visit, the focus, themes, and programming of the visit will also be shaped in dialogue with Indigenous partners.



“I ask for God’s forgiveness and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry.

– Pope Francis, 1 April 2022



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January.	8 a.m.	54.	10.0	28.2	48.0	29.0	38.7	30.42	2	
	2 p.m.	42	7	36.5	47.5	27.0	37.9	30.32	2	
February.	8 a.m.	50.0	13.0	30.6	54.5	26.0	41.2	30.65	2	
	2 p.m.	—	—	38.0 [?]	53.0	27.0	42.5	30.65	2	
March.	8 a.m.	54.0	13.0	38.0	57.0	28.5	45.5	30.52	2	
	2 p.m.	—	—	46. ?	71.0	32.5	50.2	30.45	2	
April.	8 a.m.	64.0	36.0	46.3	64.0	45.0	52.7	30.50	2	
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1776: Thomas Jefferson logged daily temperatures, until just prior to his death.







Family and friends gather with Cora and Roy to celebrate their Wedding, 6 July.



Webb telescope images.
Credits: NASA, ESA, CSA.

