



Espiritu Santo
Catholic Church & School
2021 - 2022

CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT!
Schedule / Syllabus

JANUARY 30th	<i>Following NOON Mass</i>
	Session 1 PARENT MEETING – Information Gathering ☺
FEBRUARY 27th	10:30AM Candidate Session – Meet Parents for Noon Mass
	Session 2 <i>Confirmed In The Spirit</i>
	<i>Confirmed In Discipleship</i>
	<i>Confirmed In Faith</i>
	<i>Confirmed In Love</i>
	ASH WEDNESDAY = March 2nd 2022
	<i>Begin your Lenten Season Prayerfully as a Family, Participating in Church Services and Community Outreach!</i>
	Espiritu Santo Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service = TBA
MARCH 27th	10:30AM Candidate Session – Meet Parents for Noon Mass
	Session 3 <i>Confirmed In Holiness</i>
	<i>Confirmed In Church</i>
	APRIL
	<i>Holy Week – make this a meaningful time for your family, participating prayerfully as a family!</i>
April 10th	Palm Sunday
Thursday April 14th	Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Friday April 15th	Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
Saturday April 16th	Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil
Sunday April 17th	EASTER SUNDAY – JESUS IS RISEN!
APRIL 24th	10:30AM Candidate Session – Meet Parents for Noon Mass
	Session 4 <i>Confirmed In Grace</i>
	<i>Confirmed In Witness</i>
	*** April Session INCLUDES <i>Parent</i> Session
	*** April Session = SPONSOR NAMES / SPONSOR PAPERWORK due

MAY	
<i>Confirmation DAY RETREAT Saturday May 14 (11:00AM-2:00PM)</i>	
This day of prayer, reflection and retreat will be held on the Espiritu Santo campus and is for Candidate and Sponsor (or proxy). Candidates are asked to turn in completed reflection papers upon arrival.	
<i>Completed Service Log & Reflection Paper due</i>	
Completed Paper Explaining:	
	1. Why I want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
	2. What Confirmation name I have chosen AND why
	3. Whom I have chosen as my sponsor AND why
	4. Reflection on the service I have completed and the experience it provided me as well as those I served
	5. Reflection on scripture (see expectations packet)
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ☺	
<u>Confirmation Mass Date(s) planned for late May or early June (TBA)</u>	

The Holy Spirit changes hearts

The Spirit transforms the hearts of the timid disciples from fearful men, “huddled behind closed doors”, to bold men who “bear witness to [Jesus]” (Jn 15:27), the Pope said. His action frees hearts, impels service, guides people in new directions, and makes “the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts”, Pope Francis said.

The Holy Spirit gives life

Pope Francis suggests that since the Holy Spirit provokes change that we turn to Him for a “powerful ‘jolt’ ” when “we are in need of real change”. He is “the power of God” and the “giver of life”. “How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: ‘Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day’ ”, the Pope said.

The Holy Spirit changes situations

The Holy Spirit “penetrates the most unimaginable situations”, Pope Francis continued. He does so today just as he did in the Acts of the Apostles, in which He is the “main character”. He drives Philip from Jerusalem to Gaza, then to Azotus, then to Caesarea (Acts 8:26-40), “in constantly new situations to spread God’s newness”. Paul is “compelled by the Spirit” (Acts 20:22), traveling “far and wide” to bring the Gospel, the Pope said.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church

Pope Francis recalled that as the soul of the Church, the Holy Spirit renews her with hope, fills her with joy, and causes her to blossom with new life. Even after 2000 years, “the Spirit reminds the Church that...she is always the youthful bride with whom the Lord is madly in love”.