

Confirmation 2017-2018
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WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION 2017-2018

Grades 6+

To Parents: Helping your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation is not something to be taken lightly. *You as a parent are making a commitment to bring your child to all the classes, to Sunday mass; to teach them the prayers, about the church and about the Catholic Faith and to help them to become members of the Catholic Community at St. Anthony's.* Your positive involvement is essential for your child's spiritual growth. *Thank You* 😊

To Students: During Confirmation class you are learning more about your Catholic Faith with the end result being that you will participate in and live your Catholic Faith more fully. *Your positive attitude and willingness to learn and become involved in the church is necessary for you to grow as a Catholic.*

SCHEDULE NOTE: Each class is offered 3 times. Sunday 4:30-6:30, Monday 6:30-8:30, Thursday 4:30-6:30

	Date	Info to note
Introductory Mass	* November 19 @7:00 p.m. Arrive before 6:40, meet quietly in the hall. We will process in and sit together	* For all students joining the Confirmation Program. Go to mass together and Father will bless the students at the end of mass.
Lesson #	ARRIVE BY: Sunday @ 3:55 p.m. Monday @ 6:25 p.m.	
1	November 19/20	
2	December 3/4/	
3	December 10/11	
4		
5		
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ASH WEDNESDAY	Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @7:00 pm	Bring your Family
7		
8		
PARISH MISSION		Bring your family
9		
10		
11		
RETREAT	Thursday before Confirmation	Every student to attend ~ 8:15 a.m. – ~4:30 p.m.
12	May 14/15/18	
Reconciliation		All to attend – Please be Reverent
WalkThru	Time ~5:00 or 5:30 ish?	All to Attend – Please be Reverent
Confirmation		Pictures with bishop ½ hr before

Please consider sharing you time and talents. We encourage you to join at least one of the many ministries within our parish.

MATERIALS NEEDED: - Text, Folder (supplied)
 - Bible, Pen, Pencil (you supply)

Cost \$35 up to and including October 2, 2017. After October 2, 2017 Cost is \$45

Need volunteers to help with:

- Teaching lessons, chaperone retreat, treats for retreat.

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- We are using the Decision Point Program by Matthew Kelly. We will be asking parents to watch the video clips ahead of the class. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/>
- If you are planning on attending mass Sunday evenings (after the Confirmation lesson) please feel free to bring supper for you and your child.
- Confirmation Day- we are waiting for Edmonton to give us a day.
- Walk through – Most likely the day before
- Reconciliation – Hope to have the opportunity the same day as the retreat
- The lessons will include a snack break. Please refer to the table below. Bring a **healthy** snack the night you attend. **No sweets please. *** Whoever brings the snack please set it out and clean it up.**
Please bring a travel mug or sealable cup for liquids. (No cups from the church will be used)

The Plan

Sunday or Thursday	Monday
Arrive before 3:55 – attendance. 4:00 sharp. Start lesson	Arrive before 6:25 – attendance. 6:30. Sharp, Start lesson

SNACK DAYS	Lesson #	Date	Last Names beginning with ___
Everyone is assigned 2 dozen of a healthy snack 3 X in the year. (Please no sweet baking) Bring the snack the day you come. (Sunday or Monday)	Lesson 1	November 19/20	A - F
	Lesson 2	December 3/4	G - M
	Lesson 3	December 10/11	N - R
	Lesson 4		S - Z
	Lesson 5		A - F
	Lesson 6		G - M
	Lesson 7		N - R
	Lesson 8		S - Z
	Lesson 9		A - F
	Lesson 10		G - M
	Lesson 11		N - R
	Lesson 12		S - Z

PLEASE STACK THE CHAIRS AFTER EACH CLASS

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Audrey's Responsibilities

- Turn off cell phone
- Program supplies eg textbooks etc – collect \$ and hand out supplies – be familiar with the program.
- Set out sign-up sheets for volunteers
- Arrive early
- Set up projector, screen, speaker and have it ready to go
- To have a teacher for each class
- To collect the information needed
- To oversee the certificates
- To organize photographers.
- Pray for each participant and their family
- Organize the Confirmation Retreat
- Help where ever needed

Parent Responsibilities

- Turn off cell phone
- Have a positive attitude – be ready to listen and to share and to help
- watch the video clips ahead of the class. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/>
- Be a little early for class
- Have a parent of the child at each class
- Encourage your child, talk about the lessons
- Bring your child to weekly mass
- Bring your child to reconciliation
- Help set up/clean up as required (setting out/stacking chairs, snack etc)
- Bring your child to activities at the church eg: Parish mission, Stations of The Cross etc
- Encourage your child to complete their work to the best of their ability.
- Pray for each participant and their family

Student Responsibilities

- Turn off cell phone
- Have a positive attitude – be ready to listen and to share and to help
- **LEARN** all the prayers, **PARTICIPATE** in mass and **ATTEND** reconciliation often.
- Come to weekly mass & go to reconciliation often
- Get to know the other students
- Be at each class and be early
- Do your homework –
- If you miss a Lesson [within 2 weeks] do all the work (watch the video clips and do the reflection questions) and your choice (1) write an essay, summarizing the chapter, or (2) make a poster or (3) be prepared to come to my office and speak with me for 5- 10 minutes telling me what you learned.
- If you miss 2 or more classes see Father (After you have completed the homework component) – it's Father's decision if you can continue
- What is said at Confirmation stays at Confirmation – the class should be a safe place to share thoughts and ideas
- Attend activities at the church eg: Parish mission, Stations of the Cross etc
- Pray for each participant and their family

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INFORMATION ON WHAT TO LOOK FOR BEFORE CHOOSING SPONSORS

The Catholic Community calls sponsors to:

- Help the newly Confirmed to grow in faith
- Teach the newly Confirmed about Catholic Traditions
- Be a model for the Newly Confirmed how to live a Catholic life

Sponsor requirements: - You need to say yes to all 5 points

- 1 or 2 sponsors (if 2 then 1 is male and 1 is female)
- Be at least 16 years old
- Have received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Attends Mass regularly and receives the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist as often as possible. Actively involved in the Catholic Church – Able to help you understand why the church does what it does.
- Live their life as a good example (follow church teachings – 10 commandments and Precepts of the Catholic Church)

Audrey's information:

Church email anthony5@shaw.ca

Church phone # 780-875-2883

Cell # 780-870-5859 prefer texting

Stewardship Hours - Due on or before May 1, 2018

Each child is required to complete a minimum of 8 different service projects. These are volunteer activities **must include the school, the church and the community**, and could include activities such as leaf raking for a neighbor, snow shovelling for a neighbor, helping at the school (on your own time), babysitting (not your siblings), helping at the church (call 780-875-2883), tutoring a younger child, baking cookies for shut-ins or those in need, teaching children's liturgy, teaching catechism, coaching a sport, volunteering at the interval store, volunteering at the soup kitchen, altar serving, visiting seniors, entertaining at a nursing home etc. Each activity can be counted a maximum of 2 times. I'm sure you can find many more ways to give of yourself. Be imaginative.

Do not include: cleaning in your own home, doing dishes, helping your parents with everyday or seasonal tasks, taking down the chairs after confirmation classes.

Remember: selflessly serving others is part of living a Christian way of life.

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PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017-2018

RECORD OF SERVICE TO OTHERS - - NOT to be PAID

Requirement 5 – 10 projects of ¾ hr or more.

Service projects are above and beyond what you normally do in your household.

Name _____ **School** _____ **#** _____

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of all people so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven." Mt.5: 13-16

Christian spiritual service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy which you will be learning about during these lessons. Our greatest example of Christian service is that of Jesus, who came to serve.

When deciding how you will serve, always remember, your service is not a job to be done, it is part of the Christian way of life. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need. Christian service isn't always easy or convenient, but hopefully it will make us all become more Christ-like. Your Christian service shouldn't stop after Confirmation; it needs to continue throughout your life.

To be a confirmed Christian means to be a person who cares, shares, gives, and is concerned about others, especially the less fortunate among us.

Service to others

Time spent

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

Signed: _____

Confirmand (Student)

Parent

Service hours to be completed from September 1, 2017 to May 8, 2017.
Due May 8, 2017 (or before if you have completed 8-10 service projects).