

Confirmation 2020 at St. Thomas More Parish:

Who may be Confirmed?

Any person baptized in the Roman Catholic Church who has not yet been Confirmed may celebrate this sacrament. At St. Thomas More, this sacrament is celebrated for youth in **Grade's 7-12, in Fall 2020.**

Confirmands (those to be confirmed) must go through the confirmation preparation, be properly disposed to receive the sacrament and be able to renew their baptismal promises.

What will be required in order to be confirmed?

The dates of preparation are on the registration form. All dates are mandatory so please prioritize them.

What is Confirmation really about?

"In Confirmation the soul of a baptized Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of his baptism into practice through his life and acts as a 'witness' for Christ." -YouCat 205

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation means being sent on a mission by the Church for Christ. We see examples of sending for mission throughout the scriptures. For example, Moses encountered God in the form of a burning bush (Exodus 3), and in spite of his protestations, God tasked him with a mission to serve others. Also, the prophet Samuel was sent to anoint David as the future King of Israel (1 Samuel 13), and in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John went from place to place confirming new Christians by laying hands upon those who had only previously been Baptized (Acts 8). In a similar manner, the Bishop (or a priest delegated by the Bishop) who celebrates Confirmation comes to lay hands on new Christians, praying that they would receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He then anoints them with oil that they would be strengthened for the mission God is calling each of us to.

Being confirmed is essentially a mutual 'yes' declared by God and by the one being confirmed. The one being confirmed asserts the faith of their Baptism, and asks for the gift of the Holy Spirit that he or she may never be separated from God. God, for his part, affirms His belief in each one of us, and gives us the gift of His very self, promising to stay with us and to help us do all that He has called us to. It takes the initial choice to follow Christ in Baptism a step further: recognizing that each Christian has a distinctive role to play in the Kingdom of God.

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To register please follow the steps below:

- Complete the registration form (both sides) [Confirmation registration form 2020](#) and submit electronically to: Pastoral1.stm@caedm.ca
- Bring:
 - The Confirmand's Baptism certificate (copy), along with the **complete mailing address of the church of Baptism and contact email of the parish (if not STM)**. If certificate is not in English, it must be translated into English.
 - Proof of the sponsor's Baptism and Confirmation. (A confirmation certificate is the best)
 - \$20.00 for the program materials
 - Drop off at the church during office hours: 9am – 4 pm (closed between 12-1pm) or mail to:
St. Thomas More Parish
210 Haddow Close
Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3

For more information regarding: Who can be a sponsor, common questions about Confirmation, resources links and more, please see our website: <https://stm.caedm.ca/confirmation/>

St. Thomas More Confirmation

Class Schedule Fall 2020

All classes are held at St. Thomas More in the Parish hall. All classes are a requirement for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These dates are important to prioritize in your calendar. *

Please check your preferred option for the Confirmation Mass.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sunday Lesson at 1:30 pm-3pm:</u> Sept. 20, (at least <u>ONE</u> parent in attendance with child) Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 8 |
| Retreat: Sunday, November 1, 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm |
| Rehearsal: Sunday, November 15, 2020 (at least <u>ONE</u> parent, child, and sponsor) <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm |
| Confirmation Mass: Sunday, November 22, 2020 Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 pm |

*All dates/times subject to change on direction of the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

For Parish Office Use Only:

Baptism Certificate: Yes No

Paid \$20.00: Yes No Cash / Cheque (#: _____)

Interested in volunteering (helping teach the lessons, paperwork, office help, or organizing service projects, either during the summer or fall): Yes No

Other Notes about registration/family/youth: