

**THE GATHERING RITE****Welcome/Prelude****Procession**

- 1) The Candidates with Sponsors will be seated in their assigned places prior to Mass.
- 2) If there is music during Mass, it should not include communal singing or responses.
- 3) The procession moves directly from the sacristy to the sanctuary.
- 4) The quantity of servers and ministers should be limited to only the number necessary.

**GREETING**

- 1) Following the procession, the Pastor welcomes all present and then begins:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

*R/ And with your Spirit.*

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Brothers and Sisters,**

**Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

*(Brief silence)* Pastor (or Deacon) then says the following invocation:

**You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:**

**Lord have mercy.**           *R/ Lord have mercy.*

**You came to call sinners:**

**Christ have mercy.**       *R/ Christ have mercy.*

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:**

**Lord have mercy.**       *R/ Lord have mercy.*

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.**       *R/ Amen*

**GLORIA**

- 1) The Gloria is recited

## ***OPENING PRAYER***

**Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,  
that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us,  
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*R/. Amen.***

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

### **Readings and Responses**

- 1) First Reading:
- 2) Responsorial Psalm: Recited not sung
- 3) No second Reading:
- 4) The Deacon proclaims the Gospel, if no Deacon, then the Pastor.
- 5) Following the gospel proclamation, the Book of the Gospels is then taken to a side table or some other suitable place.

## ***THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION***

### **Presentation of the Candidates**

- 1) Everyone is seated.
- 2) Following the proclamation of the Gospel, the DRE may say a few words about the confirmation class and then the DRE or class catechist presents the candidates.
- 3) The Presenter faces The Pastor during this time and addresses the Pastor in these words:

*"Father \_\_\_\_\_, the faith community of \_\_\_\_\_ presents  
to you these men and women who have prepared for and are  
now ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation."*

- 4) The candidates stand as their name is called out, and once the entire group has been presented, the assembly may be asked to pledge their support for those about to be confirmed by applause.
- 5) Once acknowledged by the assembly, the candidates are then seated.

## ***HOMILY***

- 1) The Pastor gives the homily.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

1) After the homily **the candidates stand** and the Pastor asks:

**So now, before you receive the Spirit, I ask you to renew the profession of faith you made in Baptism or your parents and godparents made in union with the whole Church.**

**Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?**

*Candidates respond: I do.*

**Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?**

*Candidates respond: I do.*

**Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is not seated at the right hand of the Father?**

*Candidates respond: I do.*

**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?**

*Candidates respond: I do.*

**Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

*Candidates respond: I do.*

1) The Pastor confirms their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

**This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*R/. Amen.*

**THE LAYING ON OF HANDS** *(A physical laying on of hands does not take place.)*

- 1) The Pastor invites all to pray as the candidates remains standing:

**My dear friends:**

**In baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.**

- 2) After a moment of silence, any concelebrants gather near the Pastor and join him in extending their hands over the candidates.
- 3) The Pastor alone says the prayer invoking the Holy Spirit:

**All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
By water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

*R/. Amen.*

**THE ANOINTING**

- 1) The assembly remains seated.
- 2) The Pastor will stand front and center of sanctuary area. The candidates approach in a way that the anointing of each candidate is visible to the assembly.
- 3) Sponsors stand directly behind the candidates.
- 4) Each candidate will be wearing a nametag with their Confirmation name on it.
- 5) During the anointing, the placing of their right hand on the right shoulder of their candidate by the sponsor will be omitted.
- 6) Using a Q-tip or cotton ball, the Pastor anoints the candidate's forehead with chrism in the sign of the cross while saying:

**N. \_\_\_\_\_ Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. R/. Amen.**

- 7) Without shaking hands or otherwise touching the newly confirmed, the Pastor then extends a greeting of peace with the newly-confirmed by saying:

**Peace be with you. R/. And with your Spirit.**

- 8) The newly confirmed and sponsor return to their place within the assembly. It is important that the newly-confirmed and sponsor move out quickly after the exchange of peace and the next candidate/sponsor move into place immediately.
- 9) A table should be nearby during the anointing to hold the container of chrism.
- 10) After the anointing, the Pastor will wash and sanitize his hands.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

- 1) The Pastor introduces the General Intercessions:

**My dear friends:**

**Let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives:**

- 2) The intercessions are taken from the ritual:

**For theses sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love: let us pray to the Lord.**

*R/. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For their parents and godparents, who lead them in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ: let us pray to the Lord.**

*R/. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For the holy Church of God, in union with Francis our Pope, Walker our bishop, and all the bishops, that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love until his Son returns in glory: let us pray to the Lord.**

*R/. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For all men, people of every race and nation, that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, and in the bond of common brotherhood seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit: let us pray to the Lord.**

*R/. Lord, hear our prayer.*

- 3) The Pastor concludes the Intercessions:

**God our Father,**

**You sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and through them and their successors you give the Spirit to your people. May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

*R/. Amen.*

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

- 1) A monetary collection will not be taken up and baskets should be conveniently available at entrances for offerings.
- 2) There will not be a procession or presentation of the gifts.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

- 1) When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the “**Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray)**” is said:

**Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, which we offer you also for those reborn in Baptism, whom you have been pleased to confirm by bestowing the Holy Spirit, and in your mercy, keep safe in them your grace. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)**

- 2) When Eucharistic Prayer II is used, after the words “**and all the clergy**” the following is added:

**Remember also, Lord, your servants whom you have been pleased to confirm today by bestowing the Holy Spirit, and keep safe in them your grace.**

- 3) When Eucharistic Prayer III is used, after the words “**the entire people you have gained for your own...**” is said, the following is added:

**Remember also, Lord, your servants reborn in Baptism whom you have been pleased to confirm by bestowing the Holy Spirit, and in your mercy, keep safe in them your grace.**

- 4) Proper Eucharistic Acclamations (Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen) are said by the entire assembly.

## ***THE COMMUNION RITE***

### **Lord's Prayer**

**~~Sign of Peace is omitted~~**

### **Lamb of God**

### **Communion Procession**

- 1) With Covid restrictions there will be not be a distribution of the Precious Blood.
- 2) Following established Covid procedures, Holy Communion is to be distributed at the entrances of the Church after Mass.
- 3) Utilizing the Pastors discretion, those confirmed and their sponsors, may receive communion during Mass.

**THE CONCLUDING RITE*****Prayer after Communion***

**Let us pray,**

**Accompany with your blessing from this day forward, O Lord, those who have been anointed with the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sacrament of your Son, so that, with all trials overcome, they may gladden your Church by their holiness and, through their works and their charity, foster her growth in the world. Through Christ our Lord.**

*R/. Amen.*

***Announcements***

- 1) Brief announcements by the Pastor may be made.

**SOLEMN BLESSING**

- 1) Deacon or Pastor gives the invitation in these or similar words:

**Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.**

- 2) The Pastor invokes the Lord's blessing with the following exhortations:

**God our Father made you his children by water and the Holy Spirit: may he bless you and watch over you with his fatherly love.**

*R/. Amen.*

**Jesus Christ the Son of God promised that the Spirit of truth would be with his Church forever: may he bless you and give you courage in professing the true faith.**

*R/. Amen.*

**The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and set their hearts on fire with love: may he bless you, keep you one in faith and love and bring you to the joy of God's kingdom.**

*R/. Amen.*

- 3) The Pastor adds immediately:

**May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

*R/. Amen.*

***PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE***

- 1) Instead of the preceding blessing, the prayer over the people may be used. In that case, the Deacon or Pastor gives the invitation in these or similar words:

**Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. Amen.**

- 2) The Pastor extends his hands over the people and sings or says:

**God our Father,**

**Complete the work you have begun and keep the gifts of your Holy Spirit active in the hearts of your people.**

**Make them read to live his Gospel and eager to do his will.**

**May they never be ashamed to proclaim to all the world Christ crucified living and reigning forever and ever.**

*R/. Amen.*

- 3) The Pastor adds immediately:

**May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

*R/. Amen.*

- 1) For everybody who did not receive Holy Communion during Mass, it will be distributed after Mass in the same way as Sunday Masses. Once the members of the congregation receive Holy Communion, they should be discouraged from gathering in the back of church or immediately outside the church entrances.
- 2) Group pictures should not be taken.
- 3) A post-Confirmation reception is not recommended, but if a reception is held, social distancing and Covid protocol must be followed, and if any food or drink is offered the local health authorities should be contacted regarding procedures to follow.