



St. Anthony
of Padua
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADULT CONFIRMATION Spring 2023

Adult Confirmation is for those who are baptized Roman Catholics, who did not receive their Confirmation when younger. To join our Adult Confirmation class, you must be 18 years old and no longer in high school. Confirmation formation is done at St. Anthony's, but the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with the bishop through the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

The celebration of Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of May 27/28, 2023. (Specific dates TBD by Archdiocese).

INSTRUCTOR

John Clark, Seminarian jclark@ap.church

ORIENTATION (MANDATORY)

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM • Parish Life Building (PLB) Room 204

Overview of Confirmation Preparation & Registration for Class

CLASS TIME AND LOCATION

Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM • Parish Life Building (PLB) Room 204

Each Thursday class will cover two topics. There will be prayer, a presentation on the topic, discussion, Q&A, and breaks.

January 12 #1 *God comes to Humanity: Union of the Old and New Covenants*
#2 *The Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ*

January 19 #3 *Holy Spirit: The Soul of the Mystical Body*
#4 *Sanctifying Grace and Actual Grace*

January 26 #5 *Holy Mass and the Liturgical Life of the Church*
#6 *Christian Prayer and the Devotional Life of Catholics*

February 2 #7 *Baptism is Necessary for our Salvation*
#8 *The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ*
All Certificates Due (see details under Required Documents)

February 9 #9 *How to Make a Holy Confession*
#10 *Spiritual Warfare*

February 16 #11 *Radical Christian Charity*
#12 *Living the Sacrament of Confirmation*
Saint Name and Sponsor forms due (see details under Required Documents)

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

(Schedule to follow)

Ash Wednesday Mass/Liturgy of the Word, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Reconciliation Service, Lenten Mission, Paschal Triduum

FINAL PREPARATION

Thursday, April 20 *Letters to the Pastor due (details given in class)*

Thursday, May 4 *Rite of Confirmation Preparation (Time and Location TBA)*

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 1. Bible - Revised Standard Version, 2nd Catholic Edition:** I would love it if you bought the Ascension Press Great Adventure Bible (ISBN 978-1945179419), as it has salvation history outlined in essays, but the Ignatius Press hardcover (ISBN 978-0898708332) is sufficient.
- 2. Catechism of the Catholic Church:** you can get the big blue one (ISBN 978-1601376497) or the smaller paperback (ISBN 978-0385479851). Ascension Press also has a version with a lot of extra features (ISBN 978-1954881648).
- 3. Pen and notebook:** I talk a lot and your questions matter. Write notes and keep questions handy!
- 4. Binder or folder for Handouts:** I will have plenty of handouts for you.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 1. Recently-issued Baptismal Certificate.** Call the Church where you were baptized (“the church of record”) and request a NEW copy of your baptismal certificate. Must be within the 6 months of your Confirmation date (May 2023).
- 2. Copy of your Birth Certificate.**
- 3. Copy of your Marriage Certificate, if married in the Catholic Church.** This is the certificate issued by the Catholic Church where you were married. This is NOT the state-issued marriage license. If you don’t have a copy on hand, you can contact the Catholic church where you were married and ask them to issue a new certificate. **If you are married, but were not married in the Catholic Church,** you must have your marriage convalidated prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 4. Saint Name Form.** This the name of the saint you will choose to be your patron. It should be a recognized saint of the Catholic Church or a person from Scripture. A link to this form will be sent to you and completed online.
- 5. Sponsor Form.** Your sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age and has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If your sponsor is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church. Your father or mother cannot serve as your sponsor. Finally, your sponsor should be present with you at the Rite of Reception when you receive your sacraments. A link to the sponsor form will be sent to you and completed online.

Certificates should be directed to:

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