

St. Agnes Kouying Tsao Catholic Church

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

2023-2024

Dear Parents and Confirmation Candidates,

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

We became children of God through baptism. In the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, we receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confirmation is where the Holy Spirit imprints His character in our soul, thus completing our Christian initiation, and empowers us to be witnesses to Christ. After Confirmation, we are completely and fully a member of His Church.

On behalf of St. Agnes Kouying Tsao Parish, I encourage you to prepare yourself with an open mind and heart for the reception of this sacrament. Our parish's Confirmation Program is carefully designed to address the fundamental questions of life and faith and provide opportunities to engage each candidate's learning through group discussions, prayer, and reflection. The goal of our program is to enrich our candidates' understanding of Salvation and shape their hearts to desire a deeper relationship with our Lord and strive to be His saints for the 21st century.

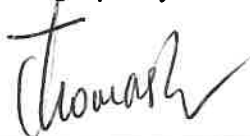
We will conduct all Sunday classes in person. Parents, please note that there are 3 Evening Sessions (see schedule) which will require you and the sponsor's presence (as indicated).

Please note that in order to offset the costs of class materials and retreat resources, including *The Catholic Youth Bible* which every candidate will receive and will use throughout the course, there will be a fee of **\$65.00**. We kindly ask you to submit a **cheque** at the **1st Evening Session** payable to St. Agnes Tsao Catholic Church. [Memo: Confirmation 2023-24 Fee, Name of Candidate].

Once again, we welcome all of you, our new Confirmandi! Indeed, it is our joy to journey with you as you prepare for this sacrament. This will be a period of spiritual maturing for you, and the fruits of this journey will depend on your openness and commitment. May God bless you all as you begin your journey to deepen your discipleship in Him!

If you have any questions, please call us at the parish office at (905) 887-7922 or contact our Youth Minister Katie Zou at youthminister.satcc@gmail.com.

God's Blessing upon you all,



Rev. Thomas Loh, Pastor

St. Agnes Kouying Tsao Catholic Church

Confirmation 2023-24 Registration Instructions

DATE	TIME	SESSION / CLASS
Tues, Oct 3	8PM	Evening Session I (Parents + Confirmandi) <i>Introduction to the Sacrament of Confirmation</i> <i>How to Select a Sponsor</i> *Sponsor Declaration Forms to be Sent Out to Parents*
Sun, Oct 22	2PM Mass	Form of Intent (Confirmandi submit signed Form of Intent at Mass)
Sun, Oct 22	3:30PM-5PM	Class 1: Who Are You, God? How Do You Reveal Yourself?
Sun, Nov 5	3:30PM-5PM	Class 2: What's Your Greatest Desire, God?
Sun, Nov 19	3:30PM-5PM	Class 3: Why Do We Sin, God?
Sun, Dec 3	3:30PM-5PM	Class 4: Who is Jesus? (The Person and Mission of Christ)
Sun, Dec 10	3:30PM-5PM	Class 5: Why be Catholic? (The Church and Sacraments) *Sponsor Declaration Forms + Certificates Due*
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!		
Sun, Jan 14	3:30PM-5PM	Class 6: Confirmation Part 1: Who Are You, Holy Spirit? *Sponsor Interview Assignment sent out to students*
Tues, Jan 23	8PM	Evening Session II (Parents + Sponsors) <i>The Holy Spirit and the Vocation of the Sponsor</i>
Sun, Jan 28	3:30PM-5PM	Class 7: Confirmation Part 2: The 7 Gifts
Sun, Feb 4	3:30PM-5PM	Class 8: Confirmation Part 3: Prayer and the 12 Fruits *Sponsor Interview Assignment due*
FAMILY DAY LONG WEEKEND (SATURDAY FEB 17—MONDAY FEB 19)		
Sun, Feb 25	3:30PM-5PM	Class 9: Confirmation Part 4: The Rite of Confirmation *Confirmation Name Assignment sent out to students*
Sun, Mar 3	3:30PM-5PM	Class 10: Called to Holiness Part 1: The Eucharist
MARCH BREAK (MONDAY MAR 11—FRIDAY MAR 15)		
Sun, Mar 17	3:30PM-5PM	Class 11: Called to Holiness Part 2: The Destination (The 4 Last Things; Sacraments of Healing) *Confirmation Name Assignment Due*
PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY (SUNDAY, MAR 24—SUNDAY MAR 31)		
Sun, Apr 7	3:30PM-5PM	Class 12: Called to Holiness Part 3: Living Out Holiness (Vocation; Sacraments of Mission)
Tues, Apr 16	8PM	Evening Session III (Parents + Confirmandi + Sponsors) <i>Life After Confirmation</i>
Sat, Apr 27	9AM-3:30PM	RETREAT (Confirmandi)
Sun, May 5	3:30PM	CONFESSION (Confirmandi)
Sun, May 26	1:15PM arrival 2PM	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL/ MASS Confirmandi + Parents + Sponsors

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A. Registration Instructions: Confirmation Candidate

1. Read the Opening Letter and Schedule (above).
2. **Register.** Download and fill out the Registration PDF Form. Send the completed form to Katie Zou at youthminister.satcc@gmail.com. **Due Friday, September 29, 2023.**
3. **Fee and Bible.** At Evening Session I (**Tuesday, Oct 3 at 8pm**):
 - a. Submit the \$65.00 fee. Cheque only.
 - i. Payable to St. Agnes Tsao Catholic Church
 - ii. Memo: Confirmation Fee 2023-24 [Candidate's First and Last Name]
 - b. Once the fee is submitted, pick up your copy of *The Catholic Youth Bible*.
***If for some reason you cannot make Evening Session I, please call the parish office at 905-887-7922 to arrange another payment time.**
4. **Form of Intent.** Parents and Confirmandi must print out and sign the Form of Intent (last page) that officially states the candidate's intention to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. On **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, attend **2PM English Mass** as a family. During the Mass, the priest will ask all Confirmation Candidates to submit the signed Form of Intent.
 - a. First class will begin at 3:30PM.
5. **Certificates.** Scan and submit the following Certificates to Katie Zou at youthminister.satcc@gmail.com. Subject line: "[Candidate's Name] Confirmation Certificates". **Due Sunday, Nov 5, 2023 (Class 2).**
 - a. For Confirmation Candidate:
 - i. Baptismal Certificate
 - ii. First Holy Communion Certificate

B. After Evening Session I: Sponsor Registration

6. Before Christmas, please select a Sponsor/Godparent. Send all forms and certificates to Katie Zou at youthminister.satcc@gmail.com. **Due Sunday, Dec 17, 2023.**
 - a. Fill out Sponsor Declaration PDF Form (will be emailed to you after Evening Session I)
 - b. Submit the following certificates for the Sponsor:
 - i. Baptismal Certificate + Confirmation Certificate (if separate)
 - ii. If married: Marriage Certificate (long form)

CONFIRMATION

Form of Intent

I, _____, ask that my Parish community of St. Agnes Kouying Tsao, accept and help me with their prayers, and my commitment to prepare worthily for the reception of

the Sacrament of Confirmation

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

- ✓ I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all Holy Days of Obligation
- ✓ I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and open heart
 - I will attend and will fully participate in all sessions and classes
 - I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort
 - I will love and encourage those in my class who are on the journey with me
- ✓ I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation
- ✓ I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others
- ✓ I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for increase in faith, hope, and love in my Lord Jesus Christ.

May Mother Mary pray for me and with me as I prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmandi Signature

Parents' Signatures