



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

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Dear Parents of Confirmandi,

The Sacrament of Confirmation along with Baptism and the Eucharist constitute the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. **The reception of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.** The faithful by the Sacrament of Confirmation are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a spiritual strength of the Holy Spirit to be true witnesses of Christ and to be more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. Therefore, the reception of this Sacrament requires a serious spiritual preparation, organization and planning. Please find below the schedule for this year's Confirmation:

Wednesday, May 8, 2024	7:00PM	Our Lady of the Assumption – Ms. Baird's & Mr. Palumbo 's classes
Thursday, May 9, 2024	7:00PM	Our Lady of the Assumption – Ms. Leonardo's & Ms. Del Busso's classes
Friday, May 10, 2024	7:00PM	St. Paul (all grade 7's)
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	7:00PM	St. James (all Grade 7's)
Thursday, May 16, 2024	7:00PM	St. Matthew (all Grade 7's)
Friday, May 17, 2024	7:00PM	Our Lady of Hope (all Grade 7's)
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	7:00PM	St. Mark (all Grade 7's)

Application forms along with a checklist is attached. Please, ensure that all sections are completed. This will provide the information we must have *prior to the celebration* for our records in compliance with Canon Law.

If your child **WAS NOT** baptized here at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, then we need a copy of the Baptism Certificate from the Church where your child was baptized. Please contact the parish of baptism, as soon as possible, to obtain a copy of the certificate of Baptism, to be attached with your application form.

As per Canon Law and our diocesan instructions, Confirmation is to be celebrated in the parish church where the child resides, or his/her family is registered. Therefore, if your family either does not reside within the boundaries of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, or is not registered with Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, permission of the child's proper pastor is required.

Please, **return the application** form and the checklist along with the necessary documents to your child's teacher, or the parish office, **no later than March 1, 2024.**

Any changes in the information, once submitted, especially sponsor's names, should be forwarded to the Parish office in good time prior to the celebration. If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact the Parish directly at 905-6647651 and speak to Vanessa / Donna.

Please note that there will be an offering/collection at the Ceremonies. You can also donate online by visiting our parish website: <https://ourladyoftheassumptionparish.ca>

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish