





## Q & A ABOUT CONFIRMATION

By the "Station of the Cross"  
Catholic Radio

### What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation is the Sacrament which completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of gifts by the Holy Spirit which seal or "confirm" the baptized in union with Christ and equips them for active participation in worship and apostolic life of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

### When was the Sacrament of Confirmation instituted by Jesus?

The Sacrament of Confirmation was instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ when he conferred the Holy Spirit upon His Apostles on Easter Sunday (*John 20:22-23*) and on Pentecost Sunday (*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*).

### What are the effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the very same Jesus, who bestowed the Holy Spirit upon His Apostles, brings about through the ritual celebration of this Sacrament these effects:

*"Confirmation increases the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in us: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.*

*Those who respond to those gifts are able to manifest the presence of God through the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness (benignity), goodness, generosity, gentleness, fidelity (faithfulness), modesty, continence (self-control), and chastity. The Lord gives them the strength of the Holy Spirit to witness to, spread, defend, and even to die for their faith".*

**Next Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**, fifteen candidates from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Let's keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Aya Rhome Reyes**  
**Christine Belenson**  
**Emily Soares**  
**Jazlyn Magat**  
**Jizelle Rae Curameng**  
**Micayla Matias**  
**Natasha La**

**Viviana Truong**  
**Chad Guiao**  
**Joey Pimentel**  
**Joshua Guiao**  
**Matthew Solomon**  
**Miguel Punzalan**  
**Ryan Ramos**  
**Vincent Truo**

## THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS

Sat	Jun 1	Victorio Humarang +
Sun	Jun 2	<b>8:30 AM</b> Maria Alegarbis + Marcelo Cayatano + <b>11:00 AM</b> Judy Antonio ( 21st BD) Nina & Nolex Cruz (47th Wedding Anniv) Henry & Yolanda Shirek ++ Trinidad Cruz + Francisco & Emiliana Hidalgo ++ Jules & Mary Jane Wilson ++ Oscar & Rose Orpiano ++ <b>12:30</b> Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Jun 3	Martha Cao + All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Jun 4	Martha Cao + Francisco Guevarra (BD) All Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Jun 5	Alvin Antonio ( Ding ) Pantig (BD) All Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Jun 6	Martha Cao + Adolf Bader + All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Jun 7	Oscar & Rose Orpiano ++ Rudy Ocasion + Eduardo Enerio + All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Jun 8	
Sun	Jun 9	<b>8:30 AM</b> Don Praesto (Intentions) Mike Vilmonte <b>11:00 AM</b> Samantha Garcia (BD) Vicenta San Luis & Family ( Thanksgiving )

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
Monday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Tuesday:	Eid al-Fitr, Islamic observance of the end of Ramadan, begins at sundown
Wednesday:	St. Boniface
Thursday:	St. Norbert; Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday:	First Friday

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day</u> : Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

# LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,606.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Grounds Maintenance)  
**\$876.00**

Sacramentals	200.00
Votive candles	135.00
Adoration Chapel	80.00
St. Anne (donation box)	11.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection: DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.

## PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS



If you are planning to have your child baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a Pre-baptism Class. Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call the Parish office for more information. For Baptism Classes call Paul Groff at (510) 915-1372

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This week we extend our gratitude to  
**HOLY SEPULCHRE**

**Q.** With the woman caught in adultery in the Bible who was in danger of being stoned to death, why wasn't the man involved accused as well as the woman? Was adultery acceptable for males but punishable by death for females? Why didn't Jesus say anything about this injustice?



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Answer 0052qa**

**A.** I can't presume to specify the motives of the Lord, but I can refer you to the Old Testament background of this whole incident. Adultery was *not* "acceptable" for males since the Sixth Commandment applied to both sexes. But in the social structure of the time woman was a chattel or possession; divorce was a male prerogative; and the polygamy of the patriarchs was a lingering tradition. These injustices, please do not mistake me, were in the social structure and not in the teaching of Jesus. Our Lord's preaching, it has always seemed, was for religious reform-sincerity in the worship of the Father-rather than social reform, despite the obvious room for social improvement. If everyone had good religious motives in everything he or she did, there would be no injustices in the social order.

So Christ did not attack the tyranny of the Romans, did not undertake to redistribute the wealth, nor correct the inequities of the social order, not even the unjust subjection of women in the society in which He lived. But He did put to shame the male adulterers who were about to stone the female adulterer. The Lord's policy was to apply His moral corrections to what we might call individual sins as opposed to collective sins of the society in which He lived.

So, rather than criticize even implicitly the procedures of Christ, maybe we can learn from Him that the true source of all evil is individual sin.

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## Prayer Works



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Your  
Prayers

Virgilio Abar, Gary Anderson, Corazon Ariosa, Carmen Bryant, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Romeo Camantigue, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Priscilla Da Rosa, Elisa Ducusin, Belen Escondo, Cora Estanislao, Arnel Flores, Avelino Gapasin, Carmelita Joseph, Irma Lobitana, Ellie Lezama, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Mary Moniz, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Mercedes Querubin, Dan Sanchez, Maritess Sanchez, Ursula Santos, Joe & Pat Sparks, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.



## Welcome New Parishioners !

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Updating Parish Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Send Sunday Envelopes

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner  
\_\_\_\_ New Address  
\_\_\_\_ Put on mailing list

# OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

