

**Celebration of the
Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Church of the
Immaculate Conception**

Denham Springs, Louisiana

January 20 & 22, 2021

Candidate

Raiden Franklin I. Bragg
Kallie Joelle Calvaruso
Callie Raye Canepa
Sidney Morgan Cheney
Dawson Ryan Crawford
Camryn Elise Culmone
Delaney Catherine Day
Claire Elizabeth Dean
Alexis Emily Flowers
Connor Wade Gardner
Emily Grace Graham
Dominic Anthony Graphia
Lauren Elizabeth Harvey
Michael Sidney Hebert
Antoinette Melisse Idong
James Anthony Kastner
Landon Alexander Kent
Colby Thomas Kitto
Robert Michael Lawrence
Skyler Nicole Lewis
Aidan Scott Loga
Camryn Alexis Miley
Aubrey Isabella O'Rourke
Ian Alexander O'Rourke
Joseph Michael Partin
Garrett Lee Patrick
Reese Anne Patten
Devan Williams Perkins
Brice Michael Peyton
Walker Clay Peyton
Kate Marie Price
Morgan Grace Purvis

Sponsor

Emilia Pardo
Robert Barnes
Cade Canepa
Hanna Cheney
Kay Palmer
Dawn Heath
Julie Wallace
Gloria Broders
Rozalyn Duplantis
Camille Plaisance
Lauren Graham
Gary Graphia
Nicole Harvey
Wesley Hebert
Myra Mirto
Mark Ricard
Jimmy Kent
Jared Kitto
Robert Ferguson
Ronald Fryoux
Alaina Loga
Layne Miley
Pamela Givens
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Elizabeth Partin
Dana Patin
Lindsey Roux
Aaron Hood
Jacob Faust
Vincent Cook
Krissy Storer
Jennifer Turk

Candidate

Braden Matthew Robinson
Nicholas Michael Rosenthal
Riley Elise Rothman
Lairah Makel Rouse
Abigail Marie Sanderson
Seth Nathaniel Scardina
Margaret Helene Silverman
Blake Christopher Smith
Ally Maria Spinosa
Lance Joseph Steagall
Malorie Rain Tassin
Connor Neil Thurman
Madison Grace Tubbs
Brianna Nicole Varnado
Laney Kathleen Vige'
Andres Fernando Vinagre
Armando Jesus Vinagre
Baylen Presley Walker
Brady Joseph Ward
James Robert Webb, III
Jacob Hugh White
Lane David Williams
Kylie Grace Zeller
Presley Anne Zeppuhar

Sponsor

Joseph Monica, Sr.
Ana Ruiz
Dominique Grimes
Mollie Kimrey
Rebecca Pritchett
David Cornette
Peggy Silverman
Marion Sanders, Jr.
Lucia Spinosa
Laine Steagall
DuBose Vann, IV
Brandi Clay
Sydney Tubbs
Melissa Easley
Ken Dugas
Maria Bautista
Maria Bautista
Cassidy Hotard
Farrah Zeppuhar
Charles Dupre, Jr.
Aislinn White
Amie Williams
Tabor Mayo
Melanie Ward

Out of reverence for the liturgy, diocesan policy does not permit any videotaping or other photography during the ceremony.



Please also silence any cell phones or pagers. Thank you.



Certificates have been placed in the pew with the Candidate.

Introductory Rites

Procession

Entrance of Candidates

Processional Hymn: “Come, Holy Ghost” #446

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast made; To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou heav'nly gift of God most high; Thou font of life and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above; And sweet anointing from above.

Praise be to thee, Father and Son, And Holy Spirit, with them one; And may the Son on us bestow, the gifts that from the Spirit flow; The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Greeting: *Bishop: “Peace be with you.”*

All: “And with your spirit.”

Penitential Rite

Gloria: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect: Bishop: **Let us pray.....**

Response: **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart and place a new Spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts.

I will put my Spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers: you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-6, 14, 22-23, 32-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with

the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.”

“God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you both see and hear.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel: John 15:18-21, 26-27



Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of Candidates: Rev. Matthew Graham

(Candidates stand. Following the presentation, the congregation signifies its support by applause.)

Homily: Bishop Michael Duca

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

(Candidates stand.)

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: 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: I do.

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

All: Amen!

Laying on of Hands

(Candidates remain standing.)

The hands traditionally have been considered symbols of strength, power, and dignity and the communication of the qualities. The laying on of hands is an ancient and common symbol in the Bible by which the grace of God is given through one person to another. The Bishop imposes hands over the candidates as a gesture of blessing and to signify the Spirit's taking possession of the person, to consecrate him or her for their mission in the Church.

Bishop: Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God. (Silent prayer)

Bishop: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen! (Everyone is seated; the candidates & their sponsors come forward for the Anointing with Chrism)

The Anointing With Chrism:

“Do You Know Me” (choir)

“Veni Sancte Spiritus” - Taize (choir)

Each Candidate is signed on the forehead with the oil of chrism. As with the laying on of hands, the anointing is rooted in ancient Jewish tradition. It is also a symbol of the strengthening by the Spirit who is anointing and consecrating the Christian to share the life of Christ.

As the Bishop signs the candidate with the oil, the candidate responds “Amen” to symbolize that he/she does indeed wish to be a full member of the Catholic Christian community and a witness to Jesus Christ.

Bishop: (Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Confirmed: Amen!

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Newly Confirmed: And with your Spirit.

Prayers of the Faithful

(Everyone stands.)

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

(All are seated.)

Offertory Hymn: “Send us Your Spirit” - Haas #453

Refrain: Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.

Come to us, Spirit of God, breathe in us now, we sing together. Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives. Come to us, Spirit of God.

Fill us with fire of your love, burn in us now, bring us together. Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, oh Lord.
Come to us Spirit of God.

Send us the wings of new birth, fill all the earth with the love you have taught us. Let all creation now be shaken with love.
Come to us Spirit of God.

Bishop prays: “...that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God the almighty Father”

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.

Preface (dialogue between the Bishop and assembly)

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

Holy Holy: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosannah in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest.

Eucharistic prayer

Memorial Acclamation: Save us, Savior of the world. For by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

Communion:

Bishop prays: “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song: “The Supper of the Lord” #350

Refrain: Precious body, precious blood, here in bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

This is the bread of God, coming down from heav’n giving life to us, to all the world.

“I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again.”

“I am the bread of heav’n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die.”

“All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God.”

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast, in this bread we share in one life, one Lord.

Meditation Song: “Spirit of the Living God” – (choir)

Concluding Rites

Prayer after Communion: Bishop Michael Duca

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Song: “God, We Praise You”

God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov'reign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory, Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!

True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,
While your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.



Celebrant: The Most Reverend Michael G. Duca

Con-Celebrants: Rev. Matthew Graham, Pastor
Rev. Amal Raj, IMS, Associate Pastor

Deacons: Deacon Rudolph Stahl III
Deacon William Messenger, Sr.
Deacon George Hooper
Deacon Michael Chiappetta

Confirmation Coordinator: Mrs. Gwen Richard

Confirmation Catechists: Ms. Terry Badeaux
Mrs. Pam Cowart
Mrs. Judy Hodge
Mr. Michael Partin

Music: Ms. Angela Hardin, Organist
Ms. Christina Vallejo, Choir Director
Mrs. Heather Acord, Cantor

Decorations: Mrs. Debbie Hargis

