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## Important Dates

*It's almost time to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next month! Here is what you need to know:*

- **The last date to turn in paperwork is August 21. If paperwork (Baptismal Certificate and Sponsor form) is not received by August 21, then the Confirmation candidate will automatically be deferred to celebrate in 2022 and will not be eligible to be confirmed at the Mass of Confirmation this year.**
  
- **Rehearsal:**
  - **Saturday, September 18th from 11 am - 1 pm**
  - **Candidates and Sponsors should attend.**
    - If a sponsor is unavailable, a parent should attend.
    - If the candidate is unavailable, a second parent or other person should attend.
    - It is important that we have two people present for each candidate.
  - **This rehearsal may be virtual or it may be in person in the main church sanctuary. We will send out a final update in September.**
  
- **Masses of Confirmation:**
  - **Saturday, September 25th**
  - Candidates and sponsors meet in Ignatius Hall (the gym). **Each candidate can have up to seven other family members attend (nine people in total).** Those family members should go directly to the church sanctuary when they arrive. The Mass will be live-streamed. So any other family members are welcome to watch online at [saintraphael.org/mass](http://saintraphael.org/mass)
  - **Last names that begin with: A-L**
    - Candidates and sponsors arrive at 8:30 am.
    - Mass begins in the church at 9:30 am
  - **Last names that begin with: M-Z**
    - Candidates and sponsors arrive at 11:00 am.
    - Mass begins in the church at 12:00 pm

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## Expected attire for the Mass of Confirmation

- **Everyone should be dressed nicely, like for a wedding or other special occasion that is in a church.** Any color of clothing is acceptable. They can wear white, but do not have to wear white. **Red** is a very appropriate sacramental color for Confirmation.
- **Young men:** Dressed in at least slacks, a dress shirt, and tie. They can wear a sports coat or suit. Wear a belt. **Shoes should be dress shoes, no tennis shoes or flip flops.**
- **Young women:** Wear a dress, a blouse and a skirt, or a blouse and dress pants. **Skirts or dresses should be knee length.** If the skirt is too short, she can wear opaque tights or leggings underneath. Tops should have at least a cap sleeve and should modestly cover the stomach, back, shoulders, and chest. **If the blouse or dress doesn't do so, she can wear a sweater or shawl on top.**

## Reconciliation before Confirmation

It's a great idea to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before you receive Confirmation. When your soul is clean and healed from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can experience Confirmation more fully.

- You can go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays from: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM; registration starts at 3 pm
- You can also schedule an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by calling: 919-865-5700
- Resources for how to go to confession are at: [saintraphael.org/reconciliation](http://saintraphael.org/reconciliation)

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