

CALENDAR FOR CANDIDATES FOR 2021 CONFIRMATION

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH CENTER
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

2020

Tuesday, August 25 th	Meeting to get initial information and go over requirements of the Program, including sponsors, meetings, Saint selection.
Tuesday, September 15 th	Regular Meeting. Discussion of Saint Papers.
Tuesday, October 13 th	Regular meeting. Turn in Saint Papers & Sponsor Info.
Tuesday, November 10 th	Regular meeting.
November TBD	½ day retreat and the Rite of Enrollment Mass.
Tuesday, December 15 th	Regular meeting. Subject to changed, depending upon exams.

2021

Tuesday, Jan. 12 th	Regular Meeting. Schedule interviews with Priests and Deacons in March.
Saturday, Jan. 23 rd	Half-day Retreat
Tuesday, Feb. 23 rd	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 9 th	Regular Meeting
March TBD	Interviews with Priests and Deacons
Thursday, April 1 st	Attend Holy Thursday Services
Tuesday, April 13 th	Regular Meeting
May TBD	Confirmation Rehearsal 6:00pm in Church
May TBD	Confirmation Ceremony

SERVICE HOURS

All candidates for Confirmation in 2021 are expected to complete 6 hours of service within St. Christopher Parish prior to making their Confirmation.

Given the COVID-19 restrictions, many of the regular parish events wherein service hour opportunities are available may not be scheduled between now and May 2021. However, there will still be opportunities within the parish, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Assist with sanitizing church between masses;
- 2) Anyone who may still be an altar server can serve mass;
- 3) Assisting with the food pantry; and
- 4) Joining CYO for opportunities.

Check the parish website, www.stchristopherano.com, follow St. Christopher the Martyr Catholic Church on Facebook, pay attention to email from Vance, and inquire with the rectory from time to time.

Check the Church Bulletin which you can pick up after any mass.

THIS IS YOUR PARISH!

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

“GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU . . . FOR WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU.” Luke 6:38

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONFIRMATION NAMES

The first question asked of our parents at our Baptism was, "What name to you give to your child?" It is an important question. Our parents responded with the name they selected to identify us to our family, our Catholic Community, and our world. They accepted the responsibility of bringing us up in the practice of our faith.

As a candidate for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, you, as someone becoming an adult in the Church can choose your name. You have two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name.

1. Stay with your present baptismal name (your regular first name). However, if the baptismal name is not of a recognized saint you can choose your middle name, if it is of a recognized saint. If neither name is of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.
2. Even if your baptismal name is that of a recognized saint, you can take a new name. If you choose a new name, it must be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that the person led.

Find out more about your patron saint's life. Choose either your baptismal or confirmation patron. Write a short paper on the life of the saint using the following questions as a guide. Each section must be answered in a separate paragraph.

- What is the saint's name and feast day, place of birth of this saint, and manner of death?
- What is some of the family history of this saint? Did the saint have any brothers and sisters. What type of work did the saint do in life?
- What obstacles, struggles or shortcomings did the saint face in life?
- Give some examples of how the saint responded to the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.
- What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life? How can you practice these same virtues today?
- What aspect of this person's Christian life were you attracted to?
- How is this saint a role model for Christians today?

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Name of Candidate: _____

A person who sponsors a candidate for Confirmation is very special. They serve as a model of Catholic faith and participate in the preparation of the candidate for Confirmation. This involves attending the activities for sponsors and the Confirmation ceremony.

A sponsor:

- Is preferably, but not required to be, one of the sponsors/godparents who was present at the Baptism of the candidate (Canon 893~2).
- **Must be a baptized and confirmed, practicing Catholic.**
- Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age (Canon 874~2).
- **May not** be the parent of the candidate, although parents may present the candidate to the bishop or his delegate in the absence of the sponsor (Canon 874~5).
- May be of either sex.

It is preferable to choose someone who can be present when you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you choose someone who cannot be present (lives out of the area or out of the country), another person may stand in for the sponsor at the ceremony, but that person must meet the same requirements to be a sponsor and must attend the meetings required for the sponsor.

About My Sponsor

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss) _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact information: _____
Home phone Work phone Cell phone E-mail address

Church of Baptism: _____
Name of church City State Zip

Church of Confirmation: _____
Name of church City State Zip

Practicing Catholic: Yes No Relationship to Candidate: _____

The reason I chose my sponsor: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Letter to Confirmation Sponsor

From St. Christopher the Martyr Parish Confirmation Formation Team

Dear Sponsor of a Candidate for Confirmation:

You are a very special person to a young candidate for Confirmation in our parish. You have been asked to serve as their sponsor. We thank you for accepting this important role. It is an honor to serve as a sponsor. It is also a responsibility. A sponsor helps a maturing Catholic to know, love, and serve God in this world, by loving and serving our neighbors, so we can all be happy with God for eternity.

A sponsor:

- Is fully initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation;
- Is reasonably informed about the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church;
- Is willing to serve as a strong and long-lasting Christian influence for the candidate;
- Assists the candidate in identifying all God-given talents, abilities, and gifts and in confirming his or her commitment to Christian life;
- Supports the candidate in preparing to assume the role and duties of an adult Catholic;
- Helps the candidate in choosing and carrying out a commitment to a service project;
- May be either male or female, but may not be a parent of the candidate.

We cannot give to someone else what we do not have ourselves. In order to help someone else keep God's commandments as Christ has taught us, by loving God and our neighbor, we must do that ourselves. A sponsor must have an authentic faith based on the doctrines and teachings of the Church.

If your faith makes you ready to accept the responsibility of sponsor, please provide the following information about you: *(The information can usually be obtained from the church where you were baptized.)*

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Contact information: _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail address _____
 Church of your Baptism: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Church of your Confirmation: _____ Date of Confirmation: _____

I am a registered and active member of _____ Parish

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

I am not registered as a member in a parish at this time.
 I attend Mass at _____ Parish 1 2 3 4 times per month.

I understand and accept the responsibilities of Sponsor for _____
Name of Child to be Confirmed

 Signature of Person to be Sponsor Date

Please send the completed form to:

St. Christopher the Martyr Parish
 309 Manson Street, Metairie, LA 70001

Confirmation Candidate Application
 St. Christopher the Martyr Parish
 309 Manson Street, Metairie, LA 70001 ☎ 504-837-8214
 (Please type or print clearly.)

Name: _____
 (As it appears on your Baptism Certificate)

Confirmation name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Month Day Year

Church of Baptism: _____

Place of Baptism: _____
City State Zip

Date of Baptism: _____
Month Day Year

Father's full name: _____ Living: Yes No
 (As it appears on your Baptismal Certificate)

Mother's maiden name: _____ Living: Yes No
 (As it appears on your Baptismal Certificate)

Father a practicing Catholic? Yes No Mother a practicing Catholic? Yes No

Parents separated? Yes No Child living with: _____

Present address: _____
Street* City* State* Zip*

Mother's contact info: _____
Home Work Cell* E-mail*

Father's contact info: _____
Home Work Cell* E-mail*

School attending: _____ Grade: _____
Street City State Zip Phone:

About Your Sponsor

Sponsor: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss) _____

Address: _____
Street* City* State* Zip*

Sponsor's contact info: _____
Home Work Cell* E-mail*

Church of Baptism: _____ Practicing Catholic: Yes No

Place of Baptism: _____
City State Zip

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Confirmation Formation BEGINS in the freshmen year of high school.
 Completed form must be delivered to the rectory to begin Confirmation Formation.
 Copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate must accompany form.

***Required Contact Information**

LETTER REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply --- to worship, to witness, and to serve as a Confirmed Catholic Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, write a letter to Father Raymond, Pastor of St. Christopher, stating your desire to be confirmed.

Below is a guideline in helping you write your letter requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your address City, State, Zip Date

Father Raymond Igbogidi St. Christopher Church 309 Manson Ave. Metairie, La. 70001

Dear Father Raymond,

- Introduce yourself. Tell Father Raymond something about you, your family, and your background.
- Request the sacrament. Give at least three (3) reasons why you would like to be confirmed.
- Explain how you are preparing for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about the specific parts of your preparation: prayer life, celebration of the other sacraments, attendance at weekly Mass, and your service for others at home, school/parish community.
- Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others with the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the faith real and alive in the future.
- Conclude the letter and sign it with your complete signature.

(You may type the letter, but you must sign it personally.)

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

CONFIRMATION NAME: _____
(Must be name of Canonized Saint of the Roman Catholic Church)

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____
(No nicknames. Please provide your Sponsor's legal name)

