



SAINT TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Celebrating 60 Years of
Faith, Prayer, & Thanksgiving*

July 9th, 2020

Religious Education Program **Confirmation Update**

Dear Parents,

May the peace and protection of the Lord be with you. We are praying for the health and well-being of our students and families. We hope that you remain safe and filled with the grace and peace of the Lord. We know that now things are different, but Jesus is with us.

First, we want to thank you for your patience. We know that our students are eager to receive Confirmation and we have great news for you. With great happiness, we announce that the Confirmation Mass will be held on Wednesday, **July 22nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Arrival time: 6:00 pm. This Mass will be for all students. Bishop Delgado will preside the Confirmation.**

Please arrive one hour early to the Confirmation Mass. The entrance to the church will be first come/ first serve order. The doors will be open at 6:00 pm. Everybody should be seated at the latest at 6:45 pm. Please go first to the registration table for signing and pick-up the confirmation name tags. Then, please line up in order at the Church's main door to enter. You will be assisted by catechists at the entrance.

Due to COVID-19, we will be experiencing a different way of attending this Confirmation Mass. There will be some restrictions for the capacity based on social distancing of six feet or approximately 25-30% of normal church capacity. Our parish will take steps to ensure that we are doing our best to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and follow the directives of the CDC and the Archdiocese of Miami. **To remain compliant, Father Vega directed that:**

- Only two (2) family members and ONLY one (1) sponsor are approved to participate at the Confirmation Mass per student. (A total of 4 people).
- In the case of (2) two or more siblings receiving Confirmation, ONLY two (2) family members are approved. Also, ONLY one (1) sponsor per student is approved to participate at the Confirmation Mass.
 - Example #1: in the case of 2 siblings receiving Confirmation, the group approved to participate at mass is as follows: 2 siblings, 2 family members, and 2 sponsors. (A total of 6 people)
 - Example #2: in the case of 3 siblings receiving Confirmation, the group approved to participate at mass is as follows: 3 siblings, 2 family members, and 3 sponsors. (A total of 8 people)
 - Example #3: in the case of 4 siblings receiving Confirmation, the group approved to participate at mass is as follows: 4 siblings, 2 family members, and 4 sponsors. (A total of 10 people)

- In the case of adults receiving Confirmation, only the adult and one (1) sponsor is approved to participate at the Confirmation Mass. (A total of 2 people)
- Please do not come with babies or toddlers, or any not authorized person.

We call our students and families to comply with the regulations and safety norms directed. It is important to understand that the process of resuming Masses at normal capacity will take some time. Your patience and understanding are especially important as we move forward.

Above all regulations, let us rejoice that our youth can experience the joy of receiving an intensification of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. We know that now things are different, but Jesus is walking and guiding our steps in the middle of the turbulent times.

Let us pray to the Lord to ask that we may work together for the good of our students. Below you will find a letter with instructions to attend Mass from Father Vega as well as important information for Confirmation. Please free to contact me by email at dcabrera@sainttimothycatholic.org.

In Christ,

Dennys Victoria Cabrera

CRE St Timothy Catholic Church



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Date: May 22nd, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

As we prepare to reopen the church on May 26th, 2020 we will be following the recommendation of the CDC and the directives of the Archdiocese of Miami. If you feel sick and/or you have an underlying condition, or you are over 70 years old, we encourage you to stay at home. The Archbishop has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend mass on Sunday to all those who cannot attend mass due the circumstance that we are facing at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Together we can work through this.

These are the directives of St. Timothy Church: The capacity will be open for 25% in the church. This is 250 people on Weekend Mass. To keep the social distance, we have arranged the seating keeping 6 feet apart. If you come with your family, please make sure that the last person in your group is 6 feet apart from the other family.

Mass Schedule:

The mass scheduling is temporary. As things change, we will adapt.

- A. Mass schedule: Daily Mass English 8:00am Monday to Saturday. Spanish Daily Mass 7:00pm Monday to Friday. These masses will be celebrated in the Main Church.
- B. Weekend schedule: Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00pm English and 7:00pm Spanish. Sunday 7:00am 11:00am English, 8:30am 1:00pm in Spanish.

Guidelines:

- A. The doors will open no earlier than 30 minutes before each mass. There will be only one point of entrance through the main door. All other doors will be used as exit. Follow the direction of the ushers and volunteers.

- B. As the church reaches the 25% capacity no one else will be able to enter. A Security will assist at the door. Be patient and charitable.
- C. Please always use your mask and only remove it during receiving Holy Communion and after, put your mask on. No one will enter the church without mask. If you do not have one, you will not be allowed to enter the church.
- D. We will not pass the collection basket by the pew. When you come in the church, we will have a collection basket so that you can drop your donation in. The ushers will put the donation in the tempered bag and drop into the safe.
- E. Parishioners will need to use sanitizer before entering the church. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will need to sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion.
- F. No holding hands during the Our Father and the Sign of Peace except for those in your family.
- G. Distribution of Holy Communion will be on the hand. Each person standing in line must be on a marking line on the floor. If you want to received Holy Communion in your mouth, please come at the end of the line only with the priest or deacon.
- H. The church will need to be cleaned and disinfected after each mass. Please do not congregate outside the church. Please go directly to your car.

During this time, we will become accustomed to these necessary changes. As needs arise, we will continue to adapt until we can return to normalcy. These norms are in place to protect our parishioners and priests. Please be extremely patient and charitable with us and others.

Rev. Fr. Carlos E. Vega
Pastor


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Date & Time for the Confirmation Mass

Confirmation Mass will be held on **Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Arrival time: 6:00 pm.** This Mass will be for all students. Bishop Delgado will preside the Confirmation.

- Please arrive one hour early to the Confirmation Mass.
- The entrance to the church will be first come/ first serve order.
- The doors will be open at 6:00 pm.
- Everybody should be seated at the latest at 6:45 pm.
- Please go first to the registration table for signing and pick-up the confirmation name tags. Each student is going to receive a tag with his/her confirmation's name (saint name). Place the tag with your Confirmation name on your left-hand side of your chest.
- Then, please line up in order at the Church's main door to enter. You will be assisted by catechists at the entrance.

<p>Confirmation</p> 	<p>Place:</p> <p>St Timothy Church 5400 SW 102nd Ave, Miami, FL 33165 Phone: (305) 274-8224 https://www.sttimothycatholic.org/</p>	<p>Date: July 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Arrival Time: 1 hour before the Mass</p>
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Guidelines for the Confirmation Mass

For the Confirmation Mass, we are to going to follow the directives provided by the letter of Father Vega for the reopening of the church. To remain compliant with the regulation of the CDC and the Archdiocese of Miami, Father Vega directed that only two (2) family members are approved to participate at the Confirmation Mass. We call our students and families to comply with the regulations and safety norms directed. It is important to understand that the process of resuming Masses at normal capacity will take some time. Your patience and understanding are particularly important as we move forward. Here is more detailed information:

Guidelines:

- A. Please arrive one hour early to the Confirmation Mass. The entrance to the church will be first come/ first serve order. The doors will be open at 6:00 pm. Everybody should be seated at the latest at 6:45 pm. Please go first to the registration table and then line up in order at the Church's main door to enter.

- B. There will be only one point of entry through the main door. All other doors will be used as an exit. Please follow the direction of the ushers and volunteers. We urge to be punctual at mass. Nobody can participate in the Mass ones it started.
- C. Upon arriving, Ushers and volunteers will assist you in finding a seat observing six feet of social distancing. To maximize seating capacity inside, we have marked assigned seats.
- D. Students, family members and sponsors must always use a mask and only remove it during receiving Holy Communion and after, put your mask on. No one will enter the church without a mask. Please take into consideration that If you do not have a mask, you will not be allowed to enter the church for safety reasons.
- E. There will not pass a collection basket by the pew. When you come to the church, we will have a collection basket so that you may kindly drop your donation in. We greatly appreciate your donation.
- F. Parishioners will need to use sanitizer before entering the church. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will need to sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion.
- G. No holding hands during the Our Father and the Sign of Peace except for those in your family.
- H. All Confirmandis are going to receive Holy Communion on the hand.
- I. Distribution of Holy Communion for the family members will be on the hand. Each person standing in line must be on a marking line on the floor following the usher instructions. If you want to receive Holy Communion in your mouth, please come at the end of the line only with the priest or deacon.
- J. To avoid large crowds out to the Church, please do not congregate outside the church. Please do not stop to take pictures or talk to other families. Please go directly to your car.
- K. The church will need to be cleaned and disinfected after the mass. Please be aware that attendees much exit the church immediately after the final blessing to allow for proper sanitizing of the facilities.

Instructions

The sacrament of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the candidate to strengthen their baptismal vocation and to awaken the gifts necessary for active participation in the life of the Church. In the scriptures, the Holy Spirit bestowed upon the apostles the gift of courage: to tell the Good News, to share the faith, to boldly proclaim the “mighty deeds of God who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Every disciple must seek out the gifts of the Spirit offered gratuitously through the sacrament of Confirmation.

For more information please check: <https://www.sttimothycatholic.org/confirmation>

Prerequisites to be Confirmed

- Active and Practicing Catholic regularly attending weekend Mass.
- Attendance at 2 years of confirmation classes (including virtual homework)
- Complete the Confirmation parent and student packet. Including:
 - Copies of ALL certificates. (Birth, Baptism, or Communion)
 - Paid any tuition pending.
 - Have an approved Sponsor Letter. **(Including Pastor's signature and parish seal)**
 - Complete the Saint Letter. (Confirmation's name)
 - Letter asking for Confirmation

First Communion

If your son/daughter is going to receive Communion and Confirmation, please contact Dennys Cabrera at the Religious Education Office at dcabrera@sainttimothycatholic.org

Confession:

Students received the sacrament of Confession in March. If anyone wants to receive Confession again, it is available from 11:00 am to 12:30 am on Saturdays at the church.

DRESS CODE

ALL candidates must follow this dress code. Our parish set forth a code of dress consistent with the Church's view of modesty and respect for the solemn beauty of this occasion. Having been specifically instructed about the dress code, we expect nothing less than full cooperation from students and their parents.

- Students, family members, and sponsors must always use a mask. No one can enter the church without a mask for safety reasons.
- Usually, students wear a rental gown, but for health reasons, we are not going to rent gowns.
- Manner of the dress shows self-respect, respect for one another, and respect for the occasion.
- If you are not certain whether your clothing meets the guidelines, please ask before the day of Confirmation. For questions please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Religious Education at dcabrera@sainttimothycatholic.org

Dress Code for Boys:

(White shirt, red tie, and black pants. (Optional: A black suit may be worn, but is not required))

White long sleeve shirt:	White <u>long sleeves</u> shirt.
Pants:	Must wear black slacks with an appropriate belt. Shirts should be tucked in and pants fitted at the waist with a belt. No jeans
Tie:	Solid red tie suitable for the occasion.
Shoes:	Black dress shoes with dark socks. No athletic shoes or boots. No flip flops or tennis shoes.
Suit:	Optional: A black suit may be worn but is not required

Dress Code for Girls:

Appropriate for a family church event. Dress and attire should reflect modesty and formality.

Style:	White pantsuits or full-length white pants with an appropriate white blouse are acceptable Also, white dresses or white skirts with an appropriate white top for a family church events are acceptable. <u>Dress and attire should reflect modesty and formality:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress backs may not be lower than the shoulder blades. No "backless" dresses. • Dresses must not be too tight or form-fitting. • Dresses may not have cutouts. • Dresses must not be low cut in the front. • No plunging or revealing necklines. • No bare midriffs. • No transparency. • No jeans
Color:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White
LENGTH:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dresses or skirts should be knee-length: Dress should always fall at the knee or below the knee. • Skirts and Dress length must reach the knee at a minimum. This includes any slits in the dress or skirts. If you purchase a dress or skirts with a slit that does not meet those guidelines, you will need to have the slit sewn. • The length of the dress or skirts may vary from the knee or just below the knee, to the length of half of the calf. • If you are opting for a long dress, keep in mind that you should choose a suitable length that does not touch or drag on the floor.
SLEEVE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoulders should be covered. • Dresses may not be strapless, or spaghetti strapped or sleeveless dresses. Dresses which leave the shoulders bare should be worn with a matching jacket • Short and long sleeve dresses are acceptable styles.
SHOES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White or red shoes • Open or close toe shoes are acceptable. • "Flip flops" are not acceptable • No tennis shoes.

Recommended Dress Code for the family:

- Students, family members, and sponsors must always use a mask and only remove it during receiving Holy Communion and after, put it on. No one will enter the church without a mask for safety reasons.
- Please read the above parish set forth code of dress to follow the Church's view of modesty and respect for the solemn beauty of this occasion

For Ladies:

- Attire suitable for Mass. Dresses and shirts should not be revealing or inappropriate in any way.
- Nice dress, skirt, or pants for ladies. (Skirt/dress at least one inch BELOW the knee)
- NO: spaghetti strap tops, bare midriffs, short skirts, gym shoes, jeans, or shorts.
- Dress shoes.

For the Gentleman:

- Suit or nice slacks for men, dress shirt long sleeve with a tie.
- NO: jeans or gym shoes.
- Dress shoes.
- A nice sweater, collared shirt, or A suit jacket is appropriate to wear.
- A suit and tie are acceptable, but not necessary.
- No hats should be worn in the church.



Pictures and Video: Contact Frank Labrador: (305) 790-7297

- Taking pictures during the liturgy is a distraction and diminishes the solemnity of the celebration.
- Picture taken by individuals during the celebration of the sacrament of Communion is discouraged. Pictures may be taken before and after the mass.
- Group pictures will be taken after Mass. Please do not take pictures during Mass. This is a sacred time and St. Timothy will have a photographer
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- Our parish has asked a professional photographer to take a photo. This professional photographer will be the sole photographer and the only one taking pictures and video during the Mass. (Frank Labrador)

Questions

Our focus is to provide a solid religious foundation of the fundamentals of our Catholic faith for all our students and to encourage our families to live their faith daily. It is our privilege to assist you with their faith formation. For questions please contact Dennys Victoria Cabrera at the Religious Education office: dcabrera@sainttimothycatholic.org

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dennys Victoria Cabrera

Coordinator of Religious Education

Walkthrough of the Confirmation Rite (Students and Sponsors)

PLEASE STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND SPONSORS READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Please carefully read the information below to Walkthrough of the detailed steps of the Confirmation Rite. Also watch this short 5 minutes video BEFORE the Confirmation:

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CCeISfVnUFM/?igshid=zlh3knhbm97p>

Introduction.

- The rite for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** usually takes place at Mass
- Christian initiation reaches its culmination in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. The newly confirmed therefore participate in the eucharist, which completes their Christian initiation.
- The bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.
- Before Mass start, at registration table, each student is going to receive a tag with his/her confirmation's name (saint name). Place the tag with your Confirmation name on your left-hand side of your chest.

What is Confirmation?

- The Sacrament of Confirmation is the one of the three sacraments of Christian initiation.
- Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.

What happens during the sacrament of Confirmation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation consists of the renewal of baptismal promises and the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of Chrism. The anointing of the candidate is a sign of confirming the gift of the Spirit, and calling the candidates to use these gifts to become involved in the life and mission of the community. Usually the bishop presides over this sacrament.

Presentation of the Candidates

After the Gospel the pastor or another priest presents the candidates for confirmation. Each candidate is called by name and stand.

Homily

The bishop then gives a brief homily.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Confirmation: The Renewal of the Baptismal Promise

During the rite of Confirmation, the candidates stand as a group for questioning by the presiding bishop:

*Bishop: Do you reject 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, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now 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 came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in confirmation?
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 present: Amen.



After the homily, the candidates stand, and the bishop questions them:

Bishop: Do you reject 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, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

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All present: Amen.

The Laying on of Hands



The Laying on of Hands:

- The bishop places his hands on the head of the candidates and prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The laying of hands on the candidates by the bishop and the concelebrating priests represents the biblical gesture by which the gift of the Holy Spirit is invoked
- This ritualizes the connection to Baptism and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in our vocation to follow the way of Jesus.

The concelebrating priests stand near the bishop. He faces the people and with hands joined, sings, or says:

Bishop: My dear friends, in baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short time.

The bishop and the priests who will administer the sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them). The bishop alone sings or says:

Bishop: All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Anointing of Chrism



- The anointing of the candidate at Confirmation recognizes that they are sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- The bishop anoints the candidate's forehead with the Oil of Chrism, saying 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.
- "The anointing with chrism and the accompanying words clearly express the effect of the giving of the Holy Spirit. Signed with the perfumed oil, the baptized receive the indelible character, the seal of the Lord, together with the gift of the Holy Spirit that conforms them more closely to Christ and gives them the grace of spreading 'the sweet odor of Christ'"

Candidates and Sponsor:

- Each candidate goes to the bishop (Please follow the instructions of the catechists or ushers).
- **The Sponsor** who presented the candidate places **his right hand on the latter's shoulder** and gives the candidate's name to the bishop; or the candidate may give his own name. (Every student should place the tag with your Confirmation name on your left-hand side of your chest)

Bishop: Dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says: *"(Confirmation Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Newly confirmed: Amen.

Bishop: 'Peace be with you'

Newly confirmed: 'And with your spirit'

Universal Prayer

The universal prayer, or prayer of the faithful, follows.

Concluding Rites

Blessing at the end of Mass.

Follow the usher's instructions for exit the parish:

- To avoid large crowds out to the Church, please do not congregate outside the church. Please do not stop to take pictures or talk to other families. Please go directly to your car.
- The church will need to be cleaned and disinfected after the mass. Please be aware that attendees much exit the church immediately after the final blessing to allow for proper sanitizing of the facilities.