

St. Mary's and the Missions Parish

For students who are in Grade 7 or older in the school year 2025 - 2026

Confirmation Schedule 2026

Meeting Friday, April 24, 2026 6 pm – 7 pm
Confirmation Reconciliation Will take place during the School Retreat
Confirmation Retreat with School 10am-2pm Thursday, May 14, 2026
Confirmation Friday, May 22, 2026 7 pm – 8 pm

Who can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? To receive the sacrament of Confirmation the person must be a Baptized Roman Catholic. It is the practice in the Diocese of Hamilton that Confirmation is received while the person is in grade 7 and has already received First Reconciliation and First Communion. If your child has not received their First Reconciliation or First Communion yet, please get in touch with the parish office.

How does the person prepare for these sacraments? Much of the preparation for the reception of these sacraments is received through a faithful life as a Catholic: attending Mass on a regular basis, regular family prayer, and personal study. Those who attend Catholic schools are also privileged to receive ongoing Catholic teaching which serves as preparation. We encourage everyone asking for these sacraments to already have a committed life of faith and a commitment to the Catholic Church. If your child is in grade 7 and not in a Catholic School, please contact the parish office immediately.

The immediate preparation for these sacraments will be achieved through meetings with the priest at the parish church (as outlined in the schedule above). It is during these meetings that both children and parents will be offered greater understanding about these sacraments, their role in the lives of Catholics, and the way in which these will be celebrated.