



CONFIRMATION 2019

Readings

Sacred Scripture for this year's Confirmation cycle is chosen by the Archbishop. This allows him to have a consistent theme for the cycle which can be aligned to the pastoral priorities of the Archdiocese; giving a uniformed message to our young people.

If the Confirmation takes place on a day when the Ritual Mass cannot be used the proper readings for the day will be used.

This year's Sacred Scripture for the Ritual Mass of Confirmation is:

Old Testament Reading

Lectionary Number 764 #3

Isaiah 61:1-3abcd The Lord has anointed me....

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;

To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
You yourselves shall be named priests of the Lord,
ministers of our God you shall be called.
I will give them their recompense faithfully,
a lasting covenant I will make with them.
Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
All who see them shall acknowledge them
as a race the Lord has blessed.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading

Lectionary Number 765 # 3

Acts 8:1bc They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On that day, there broke out a severe persecution
of the Church in Jerusalem,
and all were scattered throughout the countryside
of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles.

Those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.
When the Apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent them Peter and John,
who went down and prayed for them,
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
for he had not yet fallen upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lectionary Number 766 #2

Psalm 23 R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Alleluia Verse

Lectionary Number 767 #1

John 14:16 I will ask the Father....

I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you always.

Gospel

Lectionary Number 768 #5

Luke 4:16 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
and went according to his custom
into the synagogue on the Sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

And all spoke highly of him

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SOME MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

We include some music suggestions for the Confirmation Mass. The majority of these selections are easily accessible to most parish music programs and we hope that you will incorporate some of these selections in your confirmation music choices. Perhaps some of these are new to your parish; we hope that you will enjoy trying something new.

Please note that during the anointing, if music is provided, it should be of a meditative character and of low volume so that the dialog between the bishop and the candidate can be heard.

CONFIRMATION HYMNS

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (LAMBILLOTTE)

Come Down, O Love Divine (DOWN AMPNEY)

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire (VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS MODE VIII)

O Breath on Me O Breathe of God (ST. COLUMBA)

Creator Spirit, Lord of Grace (TALLIS' CANON)

Father, Lord of Earth and Heaven (SUSSEX)

O Holy Spirit, Come to Us (TALLIS' ORDINAL)

Veni Creator Spiritus (CHANT MODE VIII)

EUCHARISTIC HYMNS

Humbly, I Adore Thee, Hidden Deity (ADORO TE DEVOTE)

Jesus My Lord My God My All (JESUS MY LORD)

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)

Sing My Tongue the Savior's Glory (PANGE LINGUA) Mode III

Tantum Ergo | Down in Adoration Falling (ST. THOMAS)

O Salutaris | O Saving Victim (WERNER)

I Received the Living God (LIVING GOD)

Shepherd of Souls (St. AGNES)

Soul of my Savior (ANIMA CHRISTI)

GENERAL HYMNS

Holy God We Praise Thy Name (GROSSER GOTI)

At the Lamb's High Feast (SALZBURG)

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (LAUDA ANIMA)

Dona Nobis Pacem (TRADITIONAL CANON)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LOB DEN HERREN)

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (LIEBSTER JESU)

O God Beyond All Praising (THAXTED)

MARIAN HYMNS

Immaculate Mary (LOURDES HYMN)

O Sanctissima/O Most Holy One (O DU FRÖLICHE)

Hail Holy Queen (SALVE REGINA CAELITUM)

Regina Caeli (“O Queen, of Heaven, Be Joyful”) Mode VI

Word of God, From Mary’s Womb (LIEBSTER JESU)

GLORIA

Mass of the Patriarchs

Belmont Mass (Walker)

COMMUNION CHANT

Laudate Omnes Gentes (TAIZE)

MASS SETTING

English Chant of the Roman Missal

Belmont Mass (Walker)