

St. Mary's and the Missions Parish

For students who are in Grade 7 or older

## Confirmation Schedule 2025

1st Meeting Friday, March 21 6pm – 7pm
2nd Meeting Friday, March 28 6pm-7pm
<b>Confirmation Reconciliation</b> Will take place during the School Retreat
<b>Confirmation Retreat with School 10am-2pm</b> (a day will be chosen by the school)
<b>Confirmation</b> <b>Friday, May 2, 2025</b> <b>7pm-8pm</b>

**Who can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?** In order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation the person has to be a Baptized 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. The person has to be deemed by the parish priest as properly prepared for this sacrament.

**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.

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.