



# CONFIRMATION 2021

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## **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 #1

**Isaiah 11:1-4ab. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon me.**

### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.**

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,

and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
But he shall judge the poor with justice,  
and decide fairly for the land's afflicted

**The Word of the Lord.**

**New Testament Reading**

Lectionary Number 765 # 4

Acts 10:1bc, 33-34a, 37-44. The Holy Spirit fell upon all .....

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Cohort called the Italica. Cornelius said to Peter:

“I sent for you immediately, and you were kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to listen to all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking these things, the holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

**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 #6

**Luke 8:4-10a, 11b-15. The seed that fell on rich soil.....**

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to him, he spoke in a parable.

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up.

Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” After saying this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered: “The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved.

Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial.

As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit.

But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Some Music Suggestions

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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)

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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 GOTT)  
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)  
Litany of Peace (BRIDGE)  
Litany of the Word (FARRELL)  
Ubi Caritas (CHANT MODE VI)  
Ubi Caritas (HURD)  
Ubi Caritas (ROSANIA)

### **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)  
Sing of Mary (PLEADING SAVIOR)

## **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)