

**SAINT CLARE PARISH
2021 INSCRIPTION SERVICE**

In Preparation for Confirmation 2021

Come

And

Meet

Each

Other



Entrance Song: **Welcome Holy Spirit**

Refrain: Welcome, Holy Spirit

Be here with your presence

Fill me with your power

Live inside of me (2x)

Bridge: You're the Living Water

The Never-drying Fountain

Comforter and Counselor

Take complete control

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: The grace and peace of God our Father, the love of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: My dear friends,
tonight the parish community of Saint Clare
rejoices in the belief that God has called you
to journey toward the sacrament of Confirmation.
It is with great joy
that I will formally accept you this evening
as candidates for the Sacrament of the Spirit
on behalf of our community of faith, in whose honor I will
present you to Bishop Edmund Whalen in May 2021 for
Confirmation. I now invite you to place your trust in God.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Parents: **(Please unmute your computer)** Fr. Arthur, having already presented our children to be born again in Christ through Baptism, we wish to further their initiation into the Catholic faith by presenting them now as candidates to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. As Christian parents we wish to give them every help and encouragement we can, by our words and by our example, to practice the faith within the Church community

Presider: My dear parents and sponsors, you now present our candidates to us; are you prepared to help them complete their Christian initiation?

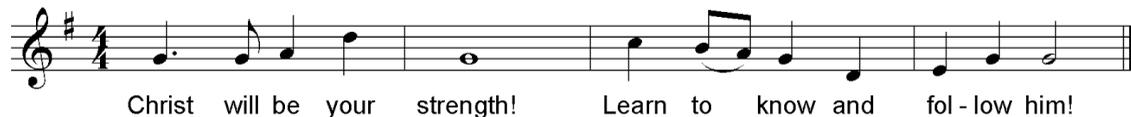
Parents: We are

Presider: Father of mercy,
we thank you for these your servants. You have sought and summoned them in many ways and they have turned to seek you. You have called them today and they have answered in our presence: we praise you, Lord, and we bless you

All: We praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

SIGNING OF THE CANDIDATE WITH THE CROSS

Priest: My dear candidates, by your presence here tonight, you have expressed your desire to share fully in the life of Christ. As they did at your baptism, I now call upon your parents to now mark you again with the sign of Christ's cross. Parents please make the sign of the cross on each of the senses as they are called.



Presider: Receive the cross on your **forehead** as a reminder of your baptism into Christ's saving death and resurrection.

Receive the sign of the cross on your **ears**, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.

Receive the sign of the cross on your **eyes**, that you may see the glory of God.

Receive the sign of the cross on your **lips that** you may respond to and speak the word of God.

Receive the sign of the cross over your **heart that** Christ may dwell there by faith.

Receive the sign of the cross on your **shoulders** that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

Receive the sign of the cross on your **hands**, that Christ may be known in the work you do.

Receive the sign of the cross on **your feet**, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:17-19

Lector: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

‘It will come to pass in the last days,’ God says,
‘that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your young men shall see visions,
your old men shall dream dreams.
Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids
I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will work wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 104)

Joe Zsigray

Refrain: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the **earth (2x)**

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures.
2. If you take away their breath, O Lord, they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit they live. You renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Deacon: A reading from the holy gospel according to ...Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his followers, “You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out
and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

PASS ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Lighting the Candle

Presider: Dear parents,

God has entrusted his children to your care.

On the day your child was baptized,

he/she received the light of Christ for the first time.

This light was handed to you as the one responsible
for keeping it burning in his/her life.

As a reminder of that light, we will light a candle here from the
Paschal Candle and invite you to light your own candle and

hold on to it.

So, car-ry your can-dle, run to the dark-ness, seek out the

1. hope-less, con-fused and
2. lone-ly, the tired and
torn... } Hold out your can-dle for all... to see it. Take your can-dle and go light your
worn... }

world... Take your can-dle and go light your world.

1. There is a candle in every soul
some brightly burning, some dark and cold
there is a Spirit who brings a fire
ignites a candle and makes His home

2. Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
still hold a candle without a flame

3. Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Presider: **I now invite the parents to join your voices in prayer,
asking God for his continued blessing on your child.**

Parents: Heavenly Father, in your love and care you entrusted the life of this sacred child to my care. As I pass the light of faith to my child, I once again ask you to help me be a faithful Catholic Christian parent. May our home be a home where the gospel of Jesus is lived and witnessed every day and the flame of faith never extinguish. I ask this in the name of Jesus as I pass the light of Christ to my child.

Presider: Will the parents now please hand your candles to your children.

Presider: **I now ask those of you who have received the gift of life and love from your parents to pray the prayer below with me nice and slow. Do not be in rush.**

Candidates: Loving Father, I accept this light as a symbol of the light of Jesus in my life. I ask your help in becoming a faithful, confirmed, Catholic Christian. Help me to keep the light of Christ burning brightly in my life so that all may see that I am your willing disciple.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Presider: My friends, the church, which you are, is bright with the light of Christ burning in our lives. We now dare to proclaim our faith in which you were baptized and in which you be confirmed. Please respond I do after each proclamation.

Presider: **Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?**

All: I do.

Presider: **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?**

All: I do.

Presider: **Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and is given to us sacramentally in Confirmation?**

All: I do.

Presider: **Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

All: I do.

All: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen!

Presider: **Please extinguish your candles and be seated.**

RITE OF INSCRIPTION

Presider: I now invite those of you who want to be confirmed in your Catholic faith to ask to be accepted as candidate for the sacrament of confirmation. Please unmute your computer and read the statement below slowly and clearly. Follow Ms. Noel. Be sure to **add your name in the empty spot.**

Candidates: *I, _____ a young Catholic Christian member of Saint Clare's Parish Community, desire to affirm my belief in Jesus and His Church. Therefore, I ask you to present me to the Bishop, in May 2021 for full initiation into the Catholic Church.*

Presider: I now ask all the candidates to please **sit** and I ask the parents to please place your right hand over your child's shoulder in prayer as the confirmation cards are brought forward.

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score is for the Ostinato Refrain of the hymn 'Come Holy Spirit'. It is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score consists of three staves: a melody line, a harmony line, and a bass line. The melody line is labeled 'Melody:' and the harmony line is labeled 'Harmony:'. The lyrics are 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' and are written below the notes. The melody line features a series of quarter notes and a dotted quarter note, while the harmony and bass lines provide a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Text: *Come Holy Spirit*; Verses drawn from the Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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1. Come, come Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth, with your glorious light.
Veni Sancte Spiritus

CLOSING RITES

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that the light of charity
which is never overcome by darkness
may always burn brightly within us and around us.
By its strength may our world be blessed
with the vision of that holy city
where dwells the true and everlasting Light,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: Our celebration is ended. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song of Sending Forth: **Spirit Come Down**



Refrain Spir - it, Spir - it, Spir - it,

Verses 1. Breath of life, breath of life, breath of life,
 2. Fire of love, fire of love, fire of love,
 3. *Spi - ri - tus*, *Spi - ri - tus*, *Spi - ri - tus*, }



Ref. come down from heav - en. Spir - it,

1-3. come down from heav - en. { Breath of life,
 Fire of love,
Spi - ri - tus,



Ref. Spir - it, and seal us with your love. love. And

1. breath of life,
 2. fire of love, } and seal us with your love.
 3. *Spi - ri - tus*,



seal us with your love. And seal us with your love.

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