



St. Ignatius Loyola
Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Candidates for Confirmation and Dear Parents:

Warm greetings to you at the beginning of this new school year!

As pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, it is with great joy that I invite all Grade 7 students to begin the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is a profound step in your faith journey, a time when you are invited to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a deeper and more life-giving way.

In the coming months, we will offer a preparation program that will guide you through the teachings of the Church, help you grow in your relationship with God, and prepare you for the grace-filled experience of receiving this Sacrament.

I hope you see this as an exciting time in your journey of faith. At your Baptism, as well as your First Communion, we looked forward to this day when you could choose for yourself the opportunity to fully celebrate your faith as a Catholic Christian. This Sacrament strengthens the Holy Spirit within you, affirms your commitment to Christ, empowers you to live out your faith, deepens your bond with the Church, and provides you with the courage to witness to Christ in your life.

With this in mind, I encourage you to continue and deepen your daily prayer life, always anchored in the Sunday Eucharist here at St. Ignatius Loyola. It is my hope to come to know you and your families more closely during this preparation.

Enclosed with this letter are all the details you will need to navigate the process. Our first and very important step is the Registration and Information Meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday, November 4th or Wednesday, November 5th**. Each Confirmation Candidate, along with at least one parent, must attend. **Registration will open on Thursday, September 25th and will close on Thursday, October 30th.**

I also ask each candidate to begin thinking about a Confirmation Sponsor. A sponsor should be a role model in the faith—someone who demonstrates what it means to live as a full and active member of the Church. Please see the attached sheet for details to assist you in making this important choice.

Once again, we will be using the book Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic as part of our parish preparation program. Each student will need to purchase a copy at the registration meeting. Fr. Prince Michael, our Associate Pastor, will be using this text during his school visits and in four mandatory sessions here at the parish.

There are several steps in the journey, and only after these have been completed will candidates be accepted for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026, which will take place at St. Ignatius Loyola Church on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, May 19th or Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

I pray that this will be a grace-filled experience for everyone involved. May the Holy Spirit accompany each of us throughout this process, and may the Lord bless you and your families in the year ahead.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Father Edward Curtis
Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

General Q&A

What resource will be used to prepare the 2025/2026 students for Confirmation?

The program we will be using is called [Decision Point](#). Students will receive a physical copy of the resource at the Registration/Information session happening in November. The videos are available [online](#). Students will also receive a copy of the Sunday Missal for Young Catholics, which will help guide them through Mass.

When will registration open?

Online registration will open on Thursday September 25th, 2025. A letter from the Pastor will be sent to each of our feeder schools containing an invitation for students to consider making the next step in their faith journey by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will also include a copy of the preparation schedule (see last page) and instructions on how to register. Note: Candidates must (1) upload a copy of their Baptismal Certificate when completing the online form. If families have misplaced this document, they must contact the Parish where the Candidate was baptized to receive an updated copy, and (2) select and provide information about their Sponsor. These two items are required in order to complete the online form. **Registration will close on Thursday October 30th, 2025. Late registrants will not be accepted.**

Who can register for this Confirmation program?

Latin Rite Roman Catholics who are in grade 7 (or older) that have received the Sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion, who also attend one of our feeder schools (All Saints, St. Clare, or St. Mark) and/or lives within the [Parish boundaries](#) may register for this preparation program. If the student is *not* Latin Rite Roman Catholic and would like to participate, please email our Lay Pastoral Associate Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

If the Candidate goes to a school that is *not* one of our feeder schools and/or if the Candidate is in a grade older than 7, they will be required to attend the 8 x sessions at the Parish Hall in addition to the 4 x group sessions. Kindly see below for this schedule:

Non-Feeder School Sessions (8 x Wednesdays from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Hall):

- January 28, February 4, February 18, February 25, March 4, March 25, April 22, April 29

Who is eligible to be a Sponsor?

The following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a godparent (Canon 874 §1):

- Is at least 16 years of age
- Is fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
- Is in good standing with the Catholic Church: live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; not under canonical penalty - not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

The Candidate must watch [this video](#) before selecting and asking someone to be their Sponsor, as it outlines important prerequisites and responsibilities that the individual must fulfil in order to be a godparent. *You will not be able to submit the registration form without providing details about the Sponsor.*

What is the cost of this program?

The cost of this program is \$60 (cash or cheque) per student. Cheques should be payable to “St. Ignatius Loyola Parish”. This cost includes the program’s resources and the Candidate’s gown for the day of their Confirmation.

What if the Candidate misses a class?

It is the student’s responsibility to make every effort to attend *every* class. We understand that things might come up, and so if you are unable to make a class (both at the school or Parish), please email our Lay Pastoral Associate Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org to let her know immediately. **Attendance for the Confirmation Retreat is mandatory.**

When will the Confirmation Mass take place?

Families can select between Tuesday, May 19th or Wednesday, May 20th, 2026. Dates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the registration meeting.

I have more questions... Who should I contact?

Please call the Parish Office at 905-820-1444 or email our Lay Pastoral Associate Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

Registration Requirements

Requirements for registration are:

- Be registered, practicing members of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- Regular attendance at Sunday Mass
- Complete the Sacramental Preparation Form via Google Forms, *including submission of your child's baptismal certificate*
- Attend the **mandatory** Registration and Parent & Student Meeting on November 4th/5th, 2025.

During the mandatory parent information session on November 4th/5th, 2025:

- Confirm your child's information
- Submit registration fee of \$60 (cash or cheque, payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish)
- Receive the preparation resources

The completed Google Form needs to be submitted by **Thursday October 30th** in order for your child to be registered to the Confirmation Preparation classes for 2025/2026. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

Registration Checklist

- ☐ Fill out the online Registration Form via Google Forms, including submission of your child's baptismal certificate, and information about the Candidate's selected sponsor by **Thursday, October 30th, 2025**
- ☐ Verify your child's information via email by November 4th. (An email will be sent to the primary email address provided shortly after completion of the online registration form. The email will come from msiuchong@archtoronto.org)
- ☐ Review the applicable schedule (see attached) and mark your calendars for all meeting dates. Please take note of the shaded blocks, which gives options of two different dates for the group Church sessions
- ☐ Attend the Registration and Parent & Student Meeting on November 4th OR 5th, 2025
- ☐ Submit \$60 registration fee at the Registration Meeting
- ☐ Select Confirmation Mass date at Registration Meeting (either Tuesday May 19th OR Wednesday May 20th)

Registration Form

Click [here](#), visit the Parish Website (<https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org>), or scan the below QR Code to access the online registration form:



If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Siu-Chong, our Lay Pastoral Associate at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

Confirmation Preparation Classes at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish – 2025/2026 Schedule

*This schedule is for students in grade 7 that attend one of the parish's feeder schools
(All Saints, St. Clare, St. Mark)*

Date	Program	Place	Time
Tues Nov 4, 2025 OR Wed Nov 5, 2025	Registration/Information Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools Candidate & One Parent	Church (Front Foyer)	Registration: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM
Nov 8/9, 2025 OR Nov 15/16, 2025	Return Commitment Forms at any Sunday Mass Presentation of the Cross	Church	Sat 5:00 PM Sun 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon
Mon Jan 19, 2026 OR Tues Jan 20, 2026	Prep Class – 1 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.1 Life is Choices	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Jan 26 – Jan 30	S.2 What's holding you back?	In Class	Tues Jan 27 th – 10:20 AM (St. Mark) Tues Jan 27 th – 1:30 PM (All Saints) Wed Jan 28 th – 12:41 PM (St. Clare)
Feb 2 – Feb 6	S.3 The Jesus Question	In Class	Tues Feb 3 rd – 10:20 AM (St. Mark) Tues Feb 3 rd – 1:30 PM (All Saints) Wed Feb 4 th – 12:41 PM (St. Clare)
Mon Feb 9, 2026 OR Tues Feb 10, 2026	Prep Class – 2 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.4 The Prayer Process	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Mar 2 – Mar 6	S.7 The Eucharist	In Class	Tues Mar 3 rd – 10:20 AM (St. Mark) Tues Mar 3 rd – 1:30 PM (All Saints) Wed Mar 4 th – 12:41 PM (St. Clare)
Mon Mar 9, 2026 OR Tues Mar 10, 2026	Prep Class – 3 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.8 The Holy Spirit	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Mar 16 – Mar 20	NO CLASS – MARCH BREAK		
Mar 29 – Sun Apr 5	NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK		
Mon Apr 13, 2026 OR Tues Apr 14, 2026	Prep Class – 4 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.10 Confirmation	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Apr 27 – May 1	S.11 Made for Mission	In Class	Tues April 28 th – 10:20 AM (St. Mark) Tues April 28 th – 1:30 PM (All Saints) Wed April 29 th – 12:41 PM (St. Clare)
Tues May 12, 2026	Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools Rehearsal: Parents & Sponsor to attend	Parish Hall & Church	6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, Parent(s) & Sponsor: 8:30 PM
Tues May 19, 2026 OR Wed May 20, 2026	Confirmation Ceremony Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools (Date to be selected at Registration)	Church	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Teachers will be covering Sessions 5, 6, 9, and 12 during religion class.*