



Confirmation Corner

A Newsletter for Parents

February 03, 2018

Lent

Fasting

A reminder of the 40-days that Jesus endure temptation in the desert and the ultimate sacrifice of giving his life for us.

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is NOT permitted.

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Praying

A chance to communicate and to reflect. We give thanks. We ask for forgiveness and assistance.

Blessing and Adoration
We acknowledge our dependence on God.

Petition
We ask God for physical and spiritual goods.

Intercession
We make requests on behalf of other people.

Thanksgiving
We thank God for everything he does for us.

Praise
We express our love for God.

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Almsgiving

An opportunity to give of self.

 Time

 Talents

 Treasures



Grievance Policy (*OLMC Confirmation II Program 2017-2018 Handbook*)

Confirmation II candidates and parents have the right to express concerns or request additional clarification on information that are shared during Confirmation II 2017-2018 either verbally or in writing. The following are the point of contacts and order to address.

1. Confirmation II catechists – 2017-2018 catechists
2. Confirmation II coordinator – Francis Bui
3. Coordinator of Religious Education – Diana Zamora
4. Pastor – Fr. Abelardo Cobos

To ensure proper and timely resolution, please **DO NOT approach the pastor directly**. Allow the Confirmation II catechists, Confirmation II coordinator, and/or Coordinator of Religious Education an opportunity to assist. Failure to do so may result in delay of receiving resolution or clarification. Matters that require the pastor input will be escalated as needed. All issues will be documented and will become part of the candidates files. These include but are not limited to in person conversations, written emails/text messages, voicemails/phone calls.

Retreat Fee and Catholic High School

Confirmation II retreat fee include a mandatory off-site retreat. The total of \$130 was due January 2018. This covers the candidates three-day/two-night retreat, meals, room/board. Retreat will be held on March 23 - 25, 2018. For questions on the fee statements, please contact Janie Nunez, 713-644-2930 or nunez_janie@hotmail.com. A late fee of \$25 will be applied each week until the retreat fee is paid in full.

Rosary

Parents are invited to join the candidates at 4:30PM on the First Saturday and 11:30AM on the Fourth Sunday to pray the rosary. Let the community pray for you. We lift our intentions, we give praise, and we seek peace when we pray together. Rosaries will be provided and the Mysteries will be lead by the candidates.

Parents Meetings

Due to limited meeting space, the Second Sunday Parents Meetings will be temporarily moved to after the First Saturday Family Mass. Next meeting will be on **Saturday, March 03, 6pm**. If the parents aren't able to attend, an adult may substitute in their absence.

Communication

By Text: Parents can sign up to receive text messages that are sent out to the candidates. Please send a text to 713-498-6066 with the message "Candidate's Name Mom/Dad". Example: "Francis Mom". *By Email:* Parents can sign up to be on a distribution list to receive reminders and the monthly schedule by email. Please send an email to fvbui@yahoo.com with the subject "OLMC Conf II Parent". *Translations:* Parents may request to receive Confirmation II materials in spanish. Please advise one of the catechists so that we can prepare these in advance for you. As always, the spanish version will be on our website to download and print.

Excused Absence Reminders

Candidates that participate in school or job related functions must obtain a note/schedule from teacher, coach, director, or supervisor before of the date of the event. The note/schedule must include the date, time, and contact information. Email to fvbui@yahoo.com

Mass Attendance Reminders

Weekend Mass attendance on Saturdays after 4PM or Sundays is required of all Confirmation II candidates. Mass times at OLMC are 5PM, 8AM, 10AM, 12PM. Candidates that attend Mass at another parish are required to bring a bulletin signed by a priest or deacon the following week.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

(Isaiah 11:1-3)

Wisdom

God's gift of Wisdom – the Holy Spirit – enables us to see things with God's eyes. Wisdom moves our vision far out into the future; it gives us perspective. God's gift of Wisdom enables us to see our own sufferings in the light of God's loving plan for us.

Understanding

Understanding is like 'stand under', to 'get to the bottom of things'. Sometimes in order to understand how to use a gift – like a new iPod – we have to read the directions. God's gift of how we should live our lives comes with directions also – the sacred Scriptures. Prayerful reading of the Bible enables us to understand God's plan and to get to the bottom of things.

Right Judgment

Decisions! From the time we decide to get up and out of bed, we make choices. Right Judgment helps us to avoid rash judgments. The Spirit of Right Judgment is the gift to make good choices – to make God's choices and seek His advice.

Courage

The word courage is derived from the Latin word *cor*, 'heart'. Courage is the gift that enables us to face danger and overcome fear with confidence. In the Gospels, before performing a cure Jesus often says, 'take courage... take heart... be confident...' The gift of Courage enables us to see where our real strength lies: God is our strength.

Knowledge

It's important to know things. The Gift of Knowledge helps us know the right things. Knowledge helps us know which things are important and which are not. The Gift of Knowledge helps us to know Jesus. A good way to tell if we are really using the Gift of Knowledge is to examine whether or not the things we know lead us to charity in our actions.

Reverence

Reverence places us at the foot of the cross, looking up to the face of Jesus. The perspective lets us see our relationship to God: the saved and the Savior. The Gift of Reverence enables us to act in the light of this reality and to show our gratitude by our piety and devotion.

Wonder & Awe

It takes time and leisure to wonder and be amazed. Take the time to see God's beauty around you. Take time to step back from your daily routine and to take stock of your lives.

<p>February</p> <p>Wednesday, February 07, 7:00PM, S, \$ Adore</p> <p>Sunday, February 11, 9:30AM, BYOB, N, P Second Sunday GHS Session</p> <p>Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18 St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser: Soups, Salads, Music, 6PM Fundraiser: Soups, Salads, Raffle, and Music, 11AM-2PM Fundraiser: Family Bingo, 2PM</p> <p>Sunday, February 25, 9:30AM, BYOB, P, N, R, S, \$ Fourth Sunday Candidates Session Fourth Sunday Rosary, 11:30AM Fourth Sunday Candidates Mass, 12:00PM</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Saturday, March 03, R, S, \$ Rosary, 4:30PM Family Mass, 5:00PM Parents Meeting, 6:00PM</p> <p>Sunday, March 4 Sponsors Orientation, 9:30AM Sponsors Mass, 12PM</p> <p>Sunday, March 07, 9:30AM, BYOB, N, P Second Sunday GHS Session</p> <p>Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18 St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser: Soups, Salads, Music, 6PM Fundraiser: Soups, Salads, Raffle, and Music, 11AM-2PM</p> <p>Friday, March 23-25 Confirmation Retreat, Camp Cho-Yeh</p> <p>Sunday, March 25 - Saturday, March 31 Holy Week</p>
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Aluminum Cans Recycling

Parents are asked to save empty aluminum cans during Super Bowl weekend. Please drop off in the designated blue containers in the parish center during business hours. After hours, aluminum cans be dropped off in the gated area next to the parish center.



Family Bingo - Call for Extra/Unwanted Gifts



Family Bingo will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2PM, OLMC parish hall. Parents are asked to bring three extras/unwanted gifts. Make sure that the candidate's name are labeled so that credit can be given.

Please drop off gifts on Sunday, February 4, 11, and on Friday, February 16. We need a minimum of 100 gifts to have a successful fundraiser.

Bingo tickets will be sold for \$20 and include three players card. Goal is \$500. Please contact Bianca Escobar, 713-244-4417 for questions or details.

Sponsors Orientation

2018 Sponsors Orientation will be held on Sunday, March 04, 9:30am-11:30am, parish center and Sponsors Mass at 12pm. Sponsors will receive invitation and communication once sponsors applications are verified. Please contact Roxana Ramirez, 832-758-1900 for questions or concerns.

Save the Dates



Our January All-You-Can-Eat Fundraiser couldn't have happened without you. Your generous donation of time, food, and supplies were appreciated. We raised a total of \$1422. Thank you again to all of our wonderful and giving parents.

Candidates Winners

Max Zaebst - First to Turn in \$40
Marina Barron - Sold the Most Tickets

February Fundraiser - Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18, 2018

All you can eat soups, salads, and breads for dine-in. We will have take-out options (not all you can eat).

Goal is \$2000.00 for February Fundraiser. Ticket money MUST be turned in to a Confirmation II catechists on Sundays, February 04, 11, or 18. Do not turn in any ticket money to the parish office.

The following parents are requested to provide for the February All-You-Can-Eat Fundraiser.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Candidate 1, Candidate 2, Candidate 3. Rows include soups, vegetables, breads, and desserts.

Each candidates are asked to sell 4x tickets at \$10, total of \$40. Prizes will be given to candidates 1) first to turn in \$40 2) sold the most tickets. Tickets were distributed at Fourth Sunday Candidates Session on January 28th.

Parents volunteers are asked to bring own apron, hairnets/caps, and OLMC will provide serving utensils, cups, napkins, plates/bowls.

- Saturday, February 17 - 4PM, drop off food in parish center, set-up, 6PM serving, 7PM clean-up.
Sunday, February 18 - 9AM-10AM drop off food in parish center, set-up, 11AM serving, 1:30PM clean-up.



Contact Roxana Ramirez, 832-758-1900, Dave Pangrazio, 832-524-4282, or Francis Bui, 713-498-6066 for questions or information.

Quiz - Sunday, February 11 - Parents please review and assist the candidates to memorize the below.

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Right Judgement by Gerry Lopez

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Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive, from your bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Contrition (version may vary, in English or Spanish)

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart, and I detest them. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.



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