

Confirmation Class #4

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Start of Class Activity & Opening Prayer

Volunteers for the prepared prayers

Work on the word search

Vocabulary

Sponsor

Confirmation Name

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

– Isaiah 11:1

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

– Galatians 5:22

Saint

Pentecost

Holy Spirit

Stewardship

Prayer

Vocal

Meditative

Contemplative

Some catchup
about the
Eucharist and
the Mass

Jesus is present with us at four way at mass

- The priest, through the sacrament of Holy Orders
- Through the Word – The Bible Reading (John 1:1)
- Through the Eucharist – The Body and Blood of Christ
- Through the community – The Gathered Church, the people of God, is the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Eucharist means “Thanksgiving”

We shouldn't confuse the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ” with the American holiday of Thanksgiving. Instead we should know that Eucharist is the Greek word for Thanksgiving and used by the Gospel writers.

Jesus often gave thanks to God before his miracles.

- Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks ([Matthew 15:36](#))
- Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them ([Luke 26:27](#))
- Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, ([John 6:11](#))

The Life of Christ

The Pascal Mystery

Passion, Death, Resurrection,
Ascension of Jesus +
Pentecost

Pentecost

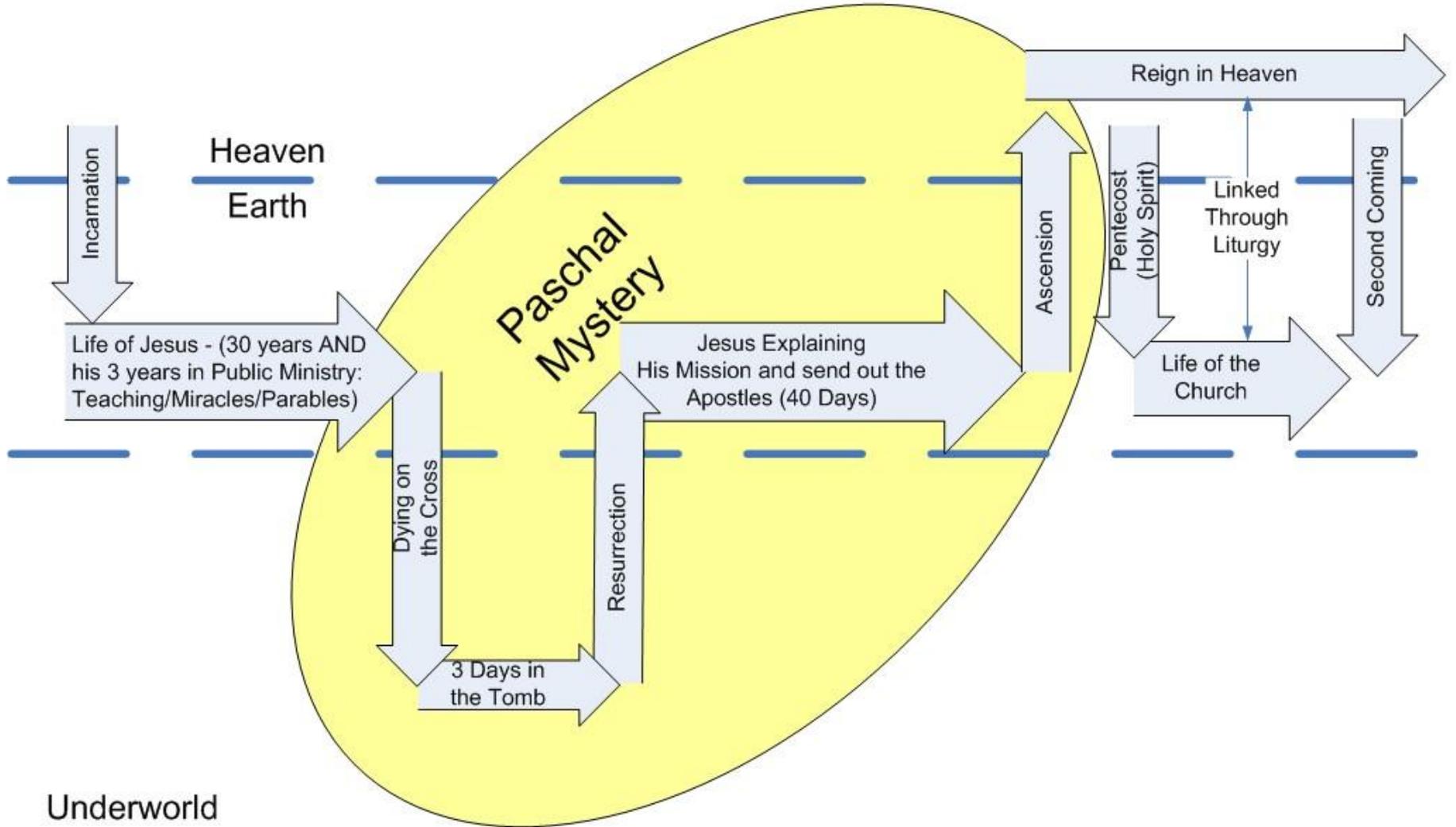
The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary.

It is the birthday of the Church. This is 50 days after Easter.

You will be sealed with the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.



The Paschal Mystery as the Fulfillment of Salvation History



Scripture

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 11:1-3

But 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.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Isaiah 11:1

Wisdom

Knowledge

Understanding

Piety

Counsel

Fear of God

Fortitude

Fruits of the Holy Spirit –

Galatians 5:22

Charity

Generosity

Joy

Gentleness

Peace

Faithfulness

Patience

Modesty

Kindness

Self-control

Goodness

Chastity

Scripture

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. Let us not be conceited, provoking one another, envious of one another.



**Mary
Magdalene,
based upon
John 20:11-13**

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But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”



She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni,”* which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me,* for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and what he told her.

Sponsor

- Confirmation Candidates select someone to support them in their faith journey
- Must be a practicing Catholic and received all sacraments of initiation
- You are encouraged to select a Godparent, if possible
- Choose someone who can participate in the celebration of the sacrament

Your Preparation

- You want to be a state of grace – going to the sacrament of reconciliation before receiving the sacrament of confirmation.
- Examination of Conscience
 - Our conscience helps us make good decisions
 - Understand our sins, acknowledge them and take responsibility for them
- Conversation of heart.

Your Preparation #2

- Choose a Confirmation name
 - Can be your baptismal name (first name) or another name.
 - Must be a canonized Saint
 - Can be one that has a special prayer for what you are interested in (music, sports, animals, etc.)
 - Write a brief description about the Saint you choose

Your Preparation #3

- Essay to Father Andrew about why you want to be confirmed.
- Services hours – All of you have one hour from the confirmation retreat. We are still discussing the numbers hours required. At least six will be needed.
- See service and stewardship

Types of Prayer

Vocal

Blessing/Adoration

Petition

Mediation

Intercession

Thanksgiving

Contemplation

Praise

Service and Stewardship

- We are all called to service
- Our choice to receive the sacrament of Confirmation deepens our call to service
- We all have gifts and talents from God
- Using our gifts from God in service is called stewardship:
 - Time – Using our time for others
 - Talent – Using our skills for others
 - Treasure – Supporting others in need.