



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO PARISH EDMONTON

2024 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Information and Registration

Registration: November 6, 2023 - Friday January 26, 2024

Registration fee - \$35 per participant

Maximum Age: 14 years. **Minimum Grade:** Grade 6 or older

Welcome to St Dominic Savio Parish Confirmation Information and Registration.

The Sacrament of Confirmation seals our baptism and is oriented towards full participation in the Sunday Eucharist, and helps us embark upon an ongoing and life-long process of conversion and mission. Preparing to receive Confirmation means that your child wants to share in the Mass with us every Sunday. Overall, Confirmation strengthens us in the gifts of the Holy Spirit (gifts first received in Baptism) and empowers us to share our love for God with others. *Please read the following information.*

Confirmation Preparation is open to children in grade 6 and older who have received First Eucharist (Holy Communion). Sacramental preparation includes both family home study and catechism classes here at St. Dominic Savio parish. Students who are more than 14 years are to register for RCIA Adapted for Children.

Preparing for Confirmation consists of:

1. Attending the ***Orientation Day** is mandatory for the Confirmation candidate (Child) and at least ONE parent in St. Dominic Savio Parish on Sunday January 21, 2024, at 2:00 – 4:00pm.

2. Confirmation Preparation/Formation Days:

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	REMARK
LESSON #1	Sunday January 21, 2024	2:00 – 4:00pm	Orientation Day
LESSON #2	Wednesday Feb 7, 2024	6:00 – 8:00pm.	
LESSON #3	Wednesday Feb 21, 2024,	6:00 – 8:00pm.	
LESSON #4	Wednesday March 13, 2024	6:00 – 8:00pm.	
LESSON #5	Wednesday April 3, 2024,	6:00 – 8:00pm.	
LESSON #6	Wednesday April 17, 2024,	6:00 – 8:00pm.	
*RETREAT DAY	Saturday April 27, 2024	9:00 – 4:00pm	
*CONFIRMATION DAY	Saturday, May 4, 2024	3:00 PM	Confirmation Mass

***Important Dates**

3. ***RETREAT DAY:** Saturday April 27, 2024,
9:00am – 4:00pm.

4. ***CONFIRMATION LITURGY/MASS:** Saturday, May 4, 2024,
3:00pm Holy Mass at St. Dominic Savio Parish.
Presided by: Fr. George Atok, S.D.B.

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance of classes is a requirement. Lack of attendance (more than 2 absences) for any other reason than a serious family emergency or illness may result in not being able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

5. **TO REGISTER** your child for Confirmation, complete and submit the following:

- Confirmation Registration Form.
- A photocopy of your child's Baptismal and First Communion Certificates (see important notes below).
- Registration fee of \$35.00 (cheques payable to St. Dominic Savio parish. Interac Etransfer to StDominicSavio.Edm@caedm.ca (include your child's name and "Confirmation" in the message section).

6. Important Dates and times for Confirmation Preparation classes and Confirmation Mass are shown above. Please ensure that your child arrives on early for all sessions.

7. The [Edmonton Archdiocese Confirmation Registration](#) Form must be submitted. Download and complete the registration form here; or complete the Confirmation Google form on our parish website (active when registration opens in November 2023).

8. Submit completed forms at the Parish office by email to stdominicsavio.sacraments@caedm.ca OR drop off in person at the parish office.

Regarding submitting your child's Baptismal certificate: The name on the baptismal certificate should: be your child's full legal name, match the name on your child's birth certificate, and it must be the same name that you put on the Confirmation registration form. Remember to submit a photocopy of the baptismal certificate, *NOT the original*.

Important: If the Baptismal certificate is in a different language than English, please ensure you translate it into English. You can write the information on the back of the photocopy of the baptismal certificate. It is important to translate the child's birth date, baptismal date, place of baptism, and place of birth.

Sacramental Prep Coach/Teacher: Vernon Brady

For more information, contact Parish Office:

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Phone: 780-473-4259 ext 2

E-mail: stdominicsavio.sacraments@caedm.ca.

Website: <https://stdominicsavio.caedm.ca/>

Please keep this as a reminder.

Choosing Confirmation Sponsors: Companions on Life's Journey

Confirmation sponsors fulfill a critical role in the Confirmation process, serving candidates as models, witnesses to the faith, links to the Church community, and prayerful companions on the journey through life. Each Confirmation candidate is to have one sponsor, who will mentor the person being Confirmed and assist him/her in living the Christian life. Because of the unity of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, it is encouraged that the sponsor be one of the baptismal godparents.

Who can be a sponsor?

Ultimately, the person who is asked to be a sponsor must be willing and able to help the Confirmation candidate live their life as a Christian. Because sponsors are mentors in the Catholic faith, sponsors are to be practicing Catholics, who are fully initiated (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, attend weekly Sunday Mass, and are in good standing with the Church.

It is important to note that those who commit to be a sponsor are making a life-long commitment to be there to help support the faith of the person receiving Confirmation. In this way, sponsors are companions on life's journey. They are our life-long prayer partners and mentors.

Ideally, the sponsor would be the same person who acted as a godparent at baptism. This helps retain the unity of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

The sponsor must not be either the father or the mother of the one to be Confirmed.

One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each gender (maximum).

Questions to consider when helping your child pick a sponsor: Does the potential sponsor lead a life of faith that you want your child to imitate? Candidates for Confirmation generally ask a person to be their sponsor because they like and admire that person.

Though every human being sins, in general, does the potential sponsor lead a life that someone could imitate and not be led astray? Is the potential sponsor ready to answer (or help find answers to) questions the candidate might have about the faith and about life in general?

Is the potential sponsor comfortable praying with and for the candidate?

You may want to ask your potential sponsor these questions and find out whether they are able to make this level of life-long commitment.

What are the commitments of a Confirmation sponsor?

A sponsor's short-term commitments include maintaining regular contact with the candidate preparing for Confirmation both before and after the sacrament is received, praying for and fostering the faith of the Confirmation candidate, being aware of whether the candidate is ready for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation when the time comes, and attending the Confirmation rehearsal retreat, and rite of Confirmation.

A sponsor's long-term commitments include making a life-long commitment to be there and help support the confirmand in their faith and everyday life by maintaining contact over the years. The sponsor should at least be willing to pray for the confirmand regularly and make an effort to keep in touch with them, even if it be just the occasional phone call and Christmas card.

If you have questions, please contact Parish Office 780-473-4259 ext 2

Or E-mail: stdominicsavio.sacraments@caedm.ca.