

Padre Serra Parish-Camarillo, California
Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation 5 PM - May 18, 2024

Neil: suspend timing for lights for this liturgy. Lights will need to be turned off manually at the end of liturgy.

Brett: Make sure the Confirmandi and their sponsors get worship aids – either to process in with, or on their reserved seats.

Welcome (begins around 4:55 PM)

Tere (speaking from the cantor stand):

Welcome to Padre Serra, especially family and friends of our candidates for confirmation.

PAUSE

As we celebrate, we ask that everyone please maintain an atmosphere of reverence throughout the Mass. Please take a moment now to turn off or silence your cell phones. We also encourage you to stay prayerful throughout, remaining in the moment rather than creating a memory of it. At the bishop's request, please no photography or video of any kind during the liturgy. Thank you.

Tere steps down and cantor steps up. Cantor invites all to remain seated, and while the Confirmandi process in, to sing the "Litany of Saints".

Entrance Procession

The procession begins with **candidates and sponsors**, two abreast in the east and two abreast in the west, in a mirrored pattern, moving north through the outer circle, turning south at the ambo, and entering the rows reserved for them (1-3).

The procession of **ministers and altar servers** enters the **outer circle on the east side** following the candidates. The procession goes around the *entire* outer circle to accommodate the Litany of Saints. Ministers reverence the altar and servers proceed to their places. The presider goes to the baptismal font.

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Introductory Rites

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

All: Amen.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: A warm welcome to all and to any visitors who are with us today, especially families of our Confirmandi. These teens and adults wish to confirm their faith in Christ Jesus, deepening and strengthening the grace received at baptism.

Fifty days ago, we began the Easter season with Jesus' victory over death. Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. May the same Spirit renew us on our Christian mission.

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Standing in front of the baptismal font the presider says:

Presider: Recalling our baptism, we pause to pray....

Almighty ever-living God,
you willed that souls be cleansed
and receive the gift of eternity
through water, the fountain of life.
On this, your day,
we seek your protection through this water.
Renew the living spring of your grace within us,
and defend us from all ills of body and spirit,
so we may approach you with hearts made clean
and receive your salvation.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

To Sung Gloria and Sprinkling

The assembly is sprinkled with holy water. The presider, accompanied by a server carrying the bowl, sprinkles the inner circle. The deacon, his wife and two other ministers, sprinkle the outer circle while the Gloria is sung.

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Collect

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel procession led by torch bearers of the Word.

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of the Candidates

Fr. Patrick: Bishop Suavek and parishioners of Padre Serra, I am pleased to present to you these 63 youth candidates for Confirmation, our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

- They participated in Crop Walk and support St. Vincent de Paul with donations and parish events as well.
- They were committed to helping within the parish, including altar serving, assisting with children's ministries, coffee and donuts, cleaning the church, producing our live-stream ministry, and singing in our choirs.
- They actively engaged in their small groups, willing to dive into deep prayer.

Additionally, there are 21 adults who have come to us by various paths, who are also seeking Confirmation today. They have a deep sense of their personal call from the Lord.

Those to receive Confirmation, please, stand.

The candidates stand. The community acknowledges them, and they are seated again.

Homily

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The candidates stand while the rest of the assembly remains seated. The entire assembly responds "Amen" at the end.

Deacon: Will the candidates for Confirmation please stand.

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan and all his works, and all his empty show?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

All: Amen.

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Laying on of Hands

The candidates remain standing in their places. Presider goes to the top step, south side of the altar, facing north. He faces the people and says:

Bishop: My dear friends,
in baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to
his chosen sons and daughters.
We pray to our Father
that he will pour out the Holy Spirit
to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts
and anoint them to be more like Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short time. Presider extends his hands over all of them at once, as a group.

Bishop: All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their Helper and Guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Tere Delgado will instruct the peer ushers to have rows 2 and 3 be seated at this time while row 1 remains standing.)

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Anointing with Chrism

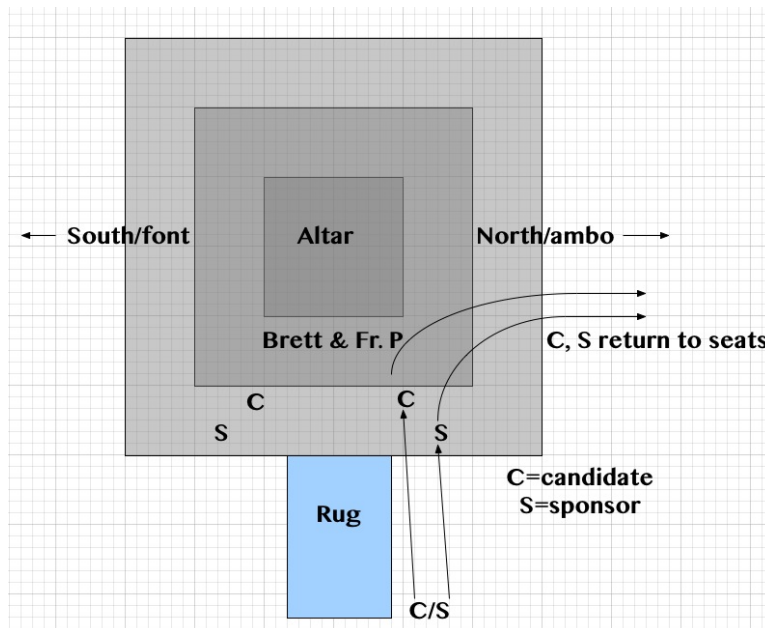
Bishop Suavek moves to top altar step facing east. Fr. Patrick joins him there. Server brings the chrism to FP. The candidates stand, one row at a time, with their sponsors. The candidates approach the presider two abreast. They stand on the middle step facing the presider. Their sponsors are on the first step, with their right hand on the candidate's shoulder. The candidates are wearing name tags with their confirmation names in large print for the presider to read easily. The presider anoints the candidates, alternating between the two abreast, who then return to their seats (see diagram below) without waiting for their "partner". The newly confirmed sit as soon as they return to their places, not waiting for their row to be complete. Once all the candidates on the EAST side are confirmed, the presider moves to the WEST side and confirms those candidates in the same way.

Bishop: N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Confirmed: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Newly Confirmed: And with your spirit.



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General Intercessions

Presider: Grateful for the gifts the Father generously shares with us through the Holy Spirit, we humbly ask that our prayers be answered.

Lector: That Christian churches throughout the world, gifted by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, may ever more effectively light the world on fire with God's divine love ... We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That the Spirit of the Lord inspire harmony and peace in Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, and in all places overwhelmed by violence ... We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That God's sons and daughters, confirmed this evening, may use the Spirit's gifts to bear witness to Jesus Christ in their lives... We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

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Lector: That all those who are sick find comfort and healing,
especially Annie Ivy (Annie), Raymond Sihler (Raymond),

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and for all those included in our parish book of intentions...

We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That all those who have died find rest, especially,

_____ ...

We pray to the Lord:

5:00 PM and for Beatriz Cabanban (Beatriz)...

9:00 AM and for Dominador Tolentino (Dominador)...

11:00 AM and for Carmina Baltazar (Carmina)...

We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Glorious God, your son gave us the gift of the Spirit so that
we may have the breath of life within us. May the gifts of the
Holy Spirit enable us to fulfill the mission you have given us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Several candidates (7) will also receive their First Eucharist at this liturgy.
They will be the first to receive and will ascend the predella to receive directly
from the presider before all others.**

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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Announcements

Lectors: please step down as soon as you finish the announcements. Do not wait for the final blessing or dismissal. The cantor needs time to get in place for the closing song. Thank you!

Tickets for the annual Boy Scout pancake breakfast, taking place Sunday, June 9, are on sale after all masses this weekend in the courtyard.

Attention: Prior to adding an announcement please contact Dominic MacAller or Fr. Patrick Mullen.

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Concluding Rites

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: **Please, bow down for the blessing.**
(if present)

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Solemn Blessing 8

Presider: May God, the Father of light,
who was pleased to open the disciples' minds
by the outpouring of the Spirit,
grant us gladness by his blessing
and make us always abound with the gifts of the Spirit.
Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the
disciples, powerfully cleanse our hearts from every evil
and fill us with its purifying light. Amen.

And may God, who unites many tongues
in the profession of one faith,
give us perseverance in our belief.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the
Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on us and remain
with us forever.

Presider: Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All: *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

As the sending forth song begins, and as the altar servers move into their positions, the Deacon will go to the ambo, get the Paschal Candle, and bring it to the south side of the altar, floor level. When the presider turns to process out, the Deacon will join him and place the candle in its stand near the baptismal font.