

*Sacred Heart Church
Faith Formation Office
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Confirmation Conversation Outline

1. Name the 7 sacraments. **Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist/Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick**

2. Explain Pentecost **50 days after Easter – Holy Spirit came to the apostles and given to the church. Said to be the birth of the church.**

3. Name the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - a. **Wisdom**
 - b. **Knowledge**
 - c. **Courage (Fortitude)**
 - d. **Understanding**
 - e. **Reverence (Piety)**
 - f. **Right judgment (Counsel)**
 - g. **Wonder & Awe (Fear of the Lord)**

4. Why is the Sacred Heart of Jesus important to us and when is the parish Feast Day?

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus took centuries to become a universal celebration
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to the 11th century. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had multiple visions of the Sacred Heart between 1673 and 1675. However, it wasn't until 90 years later in 1765, that the feast was officially celebrated in France. In 1856, Pope Pius IX made the feast of the Sacred Heart into a universal celebration.

The first feast of the Sacred Heart was actually celebrated in 1670 Even before St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had her visions of the Sacred Heart there was a recorded celebration of this feast. St. Jean Eudes composed the first Office and Mass of the Sacred Heart. The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated on Aug. 31, 1670 in Rennes, France.

The feast takes place on the 19th day after Pentecost The feast of the Sacred Heart is scheduled to be celebrated on the Friday after the octave (eighth day) of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi is traditionally the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. However, in the United States, Corpus Christi is instead celebrated on the following Sunday. Despite this, the feast of the Sacred Heart still takes place 19 days after Pentecost.

5. Explain Advent:
Beginning of the Liturgical Year (church calendar), 4 weeks before Christmas (preparation) Advent Wreath – 3 purple and one pink candle
6. What church season begins with Ash Wednesday? Explain this season.
Lent is the season of fasting and preparing for Easter. Traditionally, Catholics give up something to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us. It is 40 days.
7. Who is Mary?
Mother of Jesus, Immaculately conceived, Assumed **body and soul** into heaven.
8. What do you know about Jesus? His miracles, etc Suffered, died, and rose from the dead (Easter). Ascended into heaven, performed miracles; at the Last Supper he gave us the Eucharist – bread and wine consecrated into his Body and Blood.
9. When the priest/deacon or Eucharistic Minister gives you Holy Communion what is your response? Amen. What does it mean? I believe; it is so.
10. How is your Catholic Faith lived in your family?
11. Going forward, how do you see you living out your Catholic faith?