



St. John Neumann

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Adult Confirmation Spring 2025 Schedule

Date:

Topic: Classes are from 6:15-7:35 pm - Youth Room

January 21st

CLASS – Introduction/paperwork - Symbolon: Session 1: The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & the God Who Is Love - We begin our journey into the heart of the Catholic Faith as pilgrims, exploring the reality of God, who he is, and how he expresses himself to us in the most meaningful way imaginable. Why are you here now, taking time to learn more about the Catholic faith? Some of you may be thinking, "It's because my spouse or my friend brought me here!" Others of you may be curious about what Catholicism is all about. Still, others may be seeking to deepen the faith you've had since childhood. Whatever may be the case, know that the real reason you are here is because God has brought you here. - **Class assignment - Where do you feel you are now on your faith journey?**

January 28th

CLASS - Symbolon Session 2: Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us, the Compass for Our Lives. If God, the all-powerful Creator of the Universe, loves us, then how does he communicate with us? The answer is surprising, yet it establishes an essential part of what we believe as Catholics. Today, people have many different impressions about God. Some view him as a vague spiritual "force." Others may believe he exists but view him as an absentee God—a God who created the universe but doesn't interact in this world and in our daily lives. Still, others don't think about God much at all, claiming to be "spiritual, but not religious." Prayer - What is it? Why and how do we pray? Saint Gabriel the Archangel serves as the patron saint of communication. **Class assignment - Week-long prayer activity journal. Bring the Bible by the next class.**

February 4th

CLASS -Symbolon Session 3: The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity - Is the Bible more than just a collection of ancient writings, more than simply an important historical document to be appreciated but ultimately dismissed? Is it possible that God reveals his truth to us through Sacred Scripture? If so, what does that mean for our faith? St Jerome: the Patron Saint of Biblical Study - **Class Assignment - Write your favorite bible verse. Also, study the Creed**

February 11th

CLASS – Symbolon Session 4 /Wild Goose 3: The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation - Most of us are familiar with the word "sacrament." We participate in sacramental rites often as Catholics. But do we understand what a sacrament is—and what it means for us and our everyday lives? Saint John the Baptist. **Class assignment - Tell us about your baptism, and share a photo if you have one.**

February 18th

CLASS – Symbolon Session 6: Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy - Every Sunday, Catholics gather together to celebrate the Mass. But do we understand the deeper meaning of what happens there? Now we can. Deacon Jim will take us on a Tour of the Church. St. Vianney, patron saint of priests. **Class assignment - How do you prepare for Mass?**

February 25th

CLASS - Symbolon: Pt 2: Session 7 / The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka Episode 6: The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life It looks like bread and wine, yet it is called the Real Presence of Jesus. **Tour of the church, church life. All paperwork is due- Have sponsor chosen. Class Assignment - write down a few things about Mass that you went to this Sunday and about the homily.**

March 4th

CLASS – Symbolon Session 8: The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace. Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit work in our lives and the life of the Church? Why is it so important that we know and love him? St. John Vianney - **Class assignment - What words would people who know you best use to describe the fruit of your life produce? How about those who are merely acquaintances? Is there a difference?**

March 11th

CLASS The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka Gifts of the Holy Spirit | Episode 5 or The Spirit of Adoption | Episode 7 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" - Romans 8:14-16
The Holy Spirit reveals many things to us. One of the most beautiful is the Spirit revealing God as our loving Father, our "Abba-Daddy." Jesus related to his Father as Abba and never before had God been spoken of in such personal and intimate terms. God as Abba is a uniquely beautiful Christian revelation. The Spirit of Jesus desires to free us from fear and a master-slave relationship to give us a Father-Daughter or Father-Son relationship. **Class Assignment: What is one thing you fear and what do you need to let go? March 17th spring break no class. Bring your letter to the Archbishop or email to Jessica.parrish@sjnc.org.**

March 25th

CLASS – Symbolon Session 9: Matrimony & Holy Orders: More than merely a contract between two people in love, marriage was created by God as part of his plan for humanity. How we fit within that plan may depend on our view of the Sacrament of Matrimony and its profound meaning for the world. St. Joseph: Patron Saint of Married People. **Class assignment - How do you feel God calls you to share your faith? How do you share it in your parish? Grab a bulletin and highlight what you are interested in.**

April 1st

CLASS – Symbolon Session 10: Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed. Why is the Sacrament of Reconciliation essential—and potentially life-changing—for Catholics? How does the Anointing of the Sick make a difference to those suffering or dying? St. Maximilian Kolbe, a patron for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. **Pick a saint and write about that saint. No class on April 8th because of the Chrism Mass.**

April 10th

SPECIAL THURSDAY CLASS – 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Chrism Mass** (Place to be determined)

April 15th

Last Class - The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka Breath of God | Episode 2. "The breath of the Almighty gives me life." - Job 33:4. The only way we can live a life of faith, a life full of love, peace, joy, and power is by the Holy Spirit. We see this most clearly in the lives of the Apostles. They had every advantage in being with Jesus and hearing him preach and seeing the many miracles that he had done, and yet, even with that advantage, they were frightened men living their faith lives in a locked room before they received the Holy Spirit. What took place in the upper room changed the lives of these men and women and would change the course of human history. This experience of the Holy Spirit is an encounter available to everyone; it is not reserved for a select few. This segment's theme is Pentecost and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

April 25th

TBD (can change) Confirmation rehearsal 5:30-7:00 pm

April 26th

TBD (can change) Confirmation Mass 4:00 pm Mass show up to church by 3:20 pm

Those attending classes to complete the Sacrament of Confirmation will need the following: Requirements: Adults (21+), Catholics who have received Baptism and First Holy Communion. If married civilly and not married in the church please set up a meeting with Leonarda Serna in the front office, to go over the process to get your marriage validated and to receive the sacrament of marriage before starting the confirmation process.

- Must attend **at least 8 sessions, August 20th - October 29th, 2024** of preparation course
- Submit **Baptismal Certificate with notations** from the parish of Baptism (or also include 1st Communion certificate) and Birth Certificate.
- Submit the Confirmation Application, write a saint report, and provide a personal letter to the Bishop.
- Choose a Catholic sponsor
- Be present for the Confirmation Mass in November