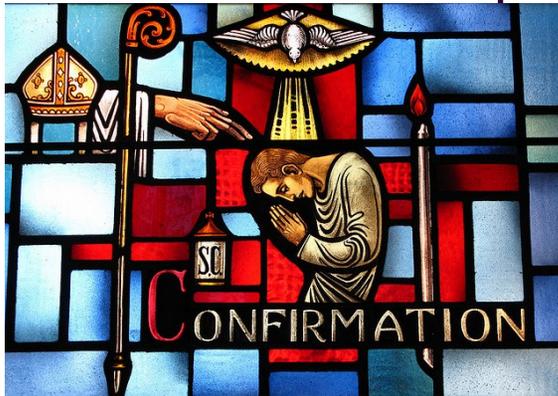


Spirit Day 1 Overview

Confirmation Spirit Day 1: Baptism to Confirmation

Parent Resource

GROWING IN FAITH ON A JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP



**JANUARY 8
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
JANUARY 15
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

For over 2000 years, the faith has been handed down from generation to generation. It is important to tell the story of our family's past and to remember the life-changing moments that are significant to our growing in faith.

The day your child received the Sacrament of Baptism was an awesome major event in his/her life. It was also a major event for you, as a parent, and for the entire Body of Christ.

Spirit Day I is an opportunity for you to share this milestone in your child's life with him/her and a wonderful place to start a conversation about Confirmation.



Part 1: Remembering Baptism

Immediately following the opening prayer, we will begin our first activity. This activity involves the whole family and will take a look at the day of your son/daughter's Baptism. If your entire family has gathered for Spirit Day I, then this reflection can be about the Baptism of all those children who are gathered. During this activity, you will share with your child your reasons and motivations for having him/her baptized. You will share the hopes and dreams you had for your child at that time, and what your hopes and dreams are for him/her now. We want you to tell your child's baptism story in as much detail as possible.

In order to help facilitate this activity, we ask that you bring items from your child's baptism with you to Spirit Day I (but keep it a secret). You can bring photos of that day and any of the items that were used or received at the Baptism such as the baptismal garment worn by your child, the baptismal stole your child was robed in after being baptized and/or the baptismal candle.

We have provided a list of reflection questions on the back page to help you prepare for this family discussion.

Part 2: Growing in Faith on a Journey of Discipleship

The second part of Spirit Day I will describe the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. To begin, we will look at Jesus and his growth in his parents' Jewish faith. We will examine how Jesus claimed this Jewish tradition as his own while still a child.

We will then look at how candidates for Confirmation can claim the faith of their parents' and make it their own.



The Presentation in the Temple

As we begin this journey together as a family, we will begin to explore how candidates for Confirmation can accept responsibility for their growth in discipleship as a full member of the Christian community, the Body of Christ.



Finding Jesus in the Temple

Special points of interest:

- Spirit Day 1 is offered twice: January 10th from and January 17th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- [RSVP here.](#)
- Bring items from your son/daughters baptism (candle, baptismal stole, pictures, etc.)
- Review the reflection questions on the back page prior to coming Spirit Day 1 (Parents only)
- Don't let your child know what Spirit Day 1 is about. We want it to be a surprise.



Reflection Questions:

Below are reflection questions, which will help facilitate our 1st activity. As parents, please reflect on these questions so you are prepared to lead your family in its discussion on the Baptism of your child.

- How did you prepare for your child's baptism?
- What effect did your child's Baptism have on you and your faith?
- What did you hope for your child as a result of his/her Baptism?



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