



## CONFIRMATION DURING LENT

Several questions have arisen regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Lenten Season, and I am hoping that the list below will answer any of the questions that you may have regarding liturgical preparations during Lent:

**Music:** *What kind of music is permitted during Lent?*

- If Confirmation is celebrated on the weekdays or Saturday Masses before 4pm, the music can include hymns with the Holy Spirit or the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- If Confirmation is celebrated on the Sundays of Lent or Saturday Masses after 4pm, the music should reflect the Lenten season more.
- Choosing music should reflect the criteria of the season and the celebration. During Lent, we observe the spirit of the season of penitence, but the celebration of Confirmation requires some additional music choices, like the sprinkling rite or the anointing with Chrism.

**Church Decorations:** *Can we decorate the church in red?*

NO. Remember it is Lent, so keep your Lenten-theme environment.

**Rite of Sprinkling:** *Is the rite of sprinkling used during Lent?*

Yes, you may use the Rite of Sprinkling, but it is not required. Since we are celebrating a Sacrament of Initiation, the Sprinkling Rite has a connection to the Sacrament of Baptism. Use the prayers in the *Roman Missal* for the Blessing of Water. A sprinkling song should be used during the Rite. Remember, do not use a Sprinkling Song that has “Alleluia” in it. Please see *Roman Missal* Appendix II.

**Gloria:** *Is the Gloria sung?*

The *Gloria* would only be used during Lent if the Ritual Mass for Confirmation is celebrated. The *Gloria* is sung only on weekdays during Lent (Monday – Friday and Saturday Masses before 4pm). The *Gloria* is NOT sung on the Sundays of Lent and the Vigil Mass (Saturday Masses after 4pm).

**Reading:** *What readings are used?*

On Sundays during Lent and Saturday Masses after 4pm, use the regular Sunday readings. (ex. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Readings)

On weekdays during Lent and Saturday Masses before 4pm, use the Mass of the Day readings of Lent OR you may use choose the readings for Confirmation. The Confirmation Coordinator should note on their planning form which readings are going to be used so that the confirming prelate and his Master of Ceremonies (MC) would be aware.



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**Vestments:** *What color vestments are used during Lent?*

Sundays of Lent and Saturday Masses after 4pm– wear Purple/Violet

Weekdays of Lent and Saturday Masses before 4pm – red vestments are worn for the ritual mass for the Conferral of Confirmation.