

## 2026 Confirmation Ritual Mass

### **PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENCES:**

- These are the readings to be used if your Confirmation Mass is on a **weekday** when we celebrate a Ritual Mass for Confirmation.
- If your Confirmation Mass is during a regular Saturday anticipated Mass or Sunday Mass, or is celebrated during the Octave of Easter or on a Solemnity, we will use the readings of that day and not the ones below.

2026 Confirmation - Old Testament reading - Ezekiel 36:24-28  
(Lectionary #764, Option 4)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I will take you away from among the nations,  
gather you from all the foreign lands,  
and bring you back to your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you  
to cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart and place a new Spirit within you,  
taking from your bodies your stony hearts  
and giving you natural hearts.

I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes,  
careful to observe my decrees.

You shall live in the land I gave your fathers;  
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

2026 Confirmation - New Testament reading – Ephesians 1: 3a, 4a, 13-19a

(Lectionary #765, Option 11)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.  
In him you also, who have heard the word of truth,  
the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him,  
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,  
which is the first installment of our inheritance  
toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus  
and your love toward all the holy ones,  
do not cease giving thanks for you,  
remembering you in my prayers,  
that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,  
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,  
what are the riches of glory  
in his inheritance among the holy ones,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power  
for us who believe.

The word of the Lord.

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another

journeying to Jesus, he spoke in a parable.

“A sower went out to sow his seed.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled,  
and birds of the sky ate it up.

Some seed fell on rocky ground,

and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture.

Some seed fell among thorns,

and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew,  
it produced fruit a hundredfold.”

After saying this, he called out,

“Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

Then his disciples asked him

what the meaning of the parable might be.

He answered,

“The seed is the word of God.

Those on the path are the ones who have heard,

but the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts  
that they may not believe and be saved.

Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear,  
receive the word with joy, but they have no root;

they believe only for a time and fall away in time of temptation.  
As for the seed that fell among thorns,  
they are the ones who have heard,  
but as they go along,  
they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life,  
and they fail to produce mature fruit.  
But as for the seed that fell on rich soil,  
they are the ones who, when they have heard the word,  
embrace it with a generous and good heart,  
and bear fruit through perseverance.”

The Gospel of the Lord.