

**Confirmation classes offered in English and Spanish.**

**Register for Confirmation program:**

Please read through all enclosed materials, fill out and return stapled papers as soon as possible. You can do so by mail: St. James Memorial Center, 1275 B Street, Davis, CA 95616. Or bring forms to the Memorial Center, 8:30-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

If you have questions or concerns about the Confirmation program, please contact Linda O'Hara at 756-3636 ext. 208.

**Connect with Youth Ministry:**

The Youth Ministry program at Saint James strives to help teens find their identity in Christ by providing opportunities for all young people in 9th through 12 grades to strengthen their faith within various programs offered including weekly Bible studies, fellowship events and opportunities for community service.

For information about the Youth Ministry Program, please contact Flora Rutaganira, 756-3636 ext.211 or email her at [www.sjteenz.com](http://www.sjteenz.com)

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Saint James Church  
200 West 14th Street  
Davis, California

## Confirmed in a Faithful Community

Saint James Parish Community offers a two year Confirmation preparation process. Students may begin the program in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade. This program is grounded in the vision and theology of a community model of Confirmation.

In preparing adolescents for Confirmation we must recall that virtually all the young people we encounter have already been initiated into the Catholic Church through their Baptism. During their preparation for Confirmation, we hope to deepen their sense of full participation in the life of the community.

This is no small thing, and certainly warrants celebration! But, we must always respect the fact that our young people are not the Church of the future, they are rather, the young church of today.

Hopefully, in preparing for and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation our young people become more:

- **Grounded** in what it means to be Catholic
- **Aware** of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in their lives
- **Receptive** to the gifts within them which empower them to live as Jesus did
- **Inspired** to discover ways to fulfill the specific responsibilities of service that are theirs as Christians in today's world

## Here at Saint James our two year process begins with...

### Period of Invitation and Formation

During the beginning sessions for Year I, students study and pray together in an age-appropriate environment becoming a community of faith.

After celebrating the Rite of Entrance, where candidates are acknowledged and blessed at mass, they continue their formation studying core Catholic practices, attitudes and beliefs to foster an understanding of what it means to be a Catholic/Christian.

### **And continues with...**

### Period of Reflection and Mission

During Year II, study sessions are designed for continued review on what it means to be Catholic, sessions on Prayer and Worship, Gospel Justice and Community Service.

In early February, Catholic High School students join the groups. It is understood that they have received faith formation classes at their respective Catholic High Schools.

After the Rite of Covenant, a celebration where candidates accept the final movement toward Confirmation, immediate preparation for the sacrament begins. These last eight weeks are a time for deeper reflection on the Sacraments of Initiation and on their performance of Christian service in their parish and school communities. A reconciliation service, a retreat experience on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, a Parent/Confirmand Reflection Evening, a rehearsal and the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, sometime in the spring, completes Year II.

Resources include: Catholic Youth Bible, Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth and Confirmed in a Faithful Community text.