2020 Readings for Confirmation Mass when not celebrated on a Sunday\* or Solemnity

(Responsorial Psalm choose from *The Order of Confirmation*, published by CCCB 2016)

*\*includes Regular Saturday evening Mass*

*First Reading: Ephesians 1.3a, 4a, 13-19a*

*You were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit*

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 Christ you also, when you had heard the word of truth,

the Gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him,

were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people,

to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus

and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

I do not cease to give thanks for you

as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,

may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation

as you come to know him,

so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,

you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,

what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The word of the Lord.

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.1-12a*

*Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;

and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward is great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.