

**USCCB Optional Confirmation Mass Readings**  
**For Use during a Confirmation Mass Outside of the Sunday Liturgy**

**Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures**

(Lectionary for Mass, no. 764)

1. Isaiah 11:1-4ab  
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.
2. Isaiah 42: 1-3  
Here is my servant upon whom I have put my Spirit.
3. Isaiah 61: 1-3 abcd, 8c-9  
The Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly and to give them the oil of gladness.
4. Ezekiel 36:24-28  
I will put a new Spirit within you.
5. Joel 2:23a, 26-3:1-3a  
I will pour out my Spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

**Responsorial Psalms**

(Lectionary for Masses, no. 766)

1. Psalm 22:23-24ab, 26-27, 28, and 31-32  
R. (23a) I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

Or:

R. (Jn 15:26-27) When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witnesses.

2. Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6  
R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
3. Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 9-10a, 11-12  
R. (3) Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.
4. Psalm 104:1ab and 24, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34  
R. (see 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
5. Psalm 117:1bc, 2  
R. (Acts 1:8) You will be my witnesses to all the world.

Or:

R. Alleluia

6. Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 8-9, 10-11, 15-16, 21  
R. (1b) I will praise your name forever, Lord.

## **Readings from the New Testament**

(Lectionary for Mass, no. 765)

1. Acts 1:3-8  
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.
2. Acts 2:1-6. 14, 22b-23, 32-33  
All were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues.
3. Acts 8:1bc, 4, 14-17  
They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.
4. Acts 10:1, 33-34a, 37-44  
The Holy Spirit fell upon those who were listening to the word.
5. Acts 19:1b-6a  
Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?
6. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
7. Romans 8:14-17  
The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
8. Romans 8:26-27  
The Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
9. 1 Corinthians 12:4-13  
But one and the same Spirit produces all these gifts, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.
10. Galatians 5:16-17, 22-23a, 24-25  
If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.
11. Ephesians 1:3a, 4a, 13-19a  
You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.
12. Ephesians 4:1-6  
One body and one Spirit, one baptism.

## **Alleluia Verses and Verses before the Gospel**

(Lectionary for Mass. No. 767)

1. John 14:16  
I will ask the Father  
And he will give you another Advocate  
To be with you always.

2. John 15:26b, 27a  
The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;  
And you will also testify.

3. John 16:13a; 14:26d  
When the Spirit of truth comes  
He will guide you to all truth  
And remind you of all I told you.

4. Revelation 1:5a, 6a  
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
Firstborn from the dead;  
You have made us a kingdom of priests  
To serve our God and Father.

5. Come, Holy Spirit;  
Shine on us the radiance of your light

Or:

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

6. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

### **Gospel Readings**

(Lectionary for Mass, no. 768)

1. Matthew 5:1-12a  
Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven

2. Matthew 16:24-27  
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

3. Matthew 25:14-30  
Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.

4. Mark 1:9-11  
Jesus saw the Spirit descending upon him.

5. Luke 4:16-22a  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

6. Luke 8:4-10a, 11b-15  
The seed that fell on rich soil; they are the ones who, when they have heard the word,  
bear fruit through perseverance.

7. Luke 10:21-24  
I give you praise Father, for you have revealed hidden things to the childlike.

8. John 7:37b-39  
Rivers of living water will flow.
9. John 14:15-17  
The Spirit of truth will remain with you.
10. John 14:23-26  
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything
11. John 15:18-21, 26-27  
When the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father comes, he will testify to me.
12. John 16:5-7, 12-13a  
The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth.