

February 3, 2017

DRESS CODE AND GUIDELINES FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION MASS

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Please do not select an extreme fashion style for your child. Clothing can be simple and elegant. Please avoid spending a great deal of money on clothing for your child's First Communion Mass. Some parents cannot afford expensive dresses or suits and we do not want other children to feel self-conscious or inadequate regarding their clothing. Emphasis is placed on the sacredness of this sacramental ritual.

Dress Code for Girls:

- Girls wear a simple white or pastel color dress, mid-calf length.
- Floor length dresses are discouraged because they become a tripping hazard.
- No backless, strapless or spaghetti straps.
- No shawls since they often slip from the children's shoulders can become a constant distraction.
- No miniature wedding gowns, no quinceanera gowns, no ballroom gowns, no skimpy party dress.
- A veil is optional.
- No gloves during mass because the communion host is to be received on the bare palm of the hand during the time of Holy Communion.

Dress Code for Boys:

- Dark pants, pastel or white shirt, tie and dark shoes.
- Dress jackets are optional.
- Please do not purchase or rent a tuxedo.

GIFT GIVING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

- Please place emphasis on the spiritual nature of the sacrament.
- Encourage grandparents, godparents, and friends to give spiritual or educational gifts rather than toys.
- Rosaries, Bibles, candles and other religious gifts are not required.
- Religious gift items can be obtained from local Christian bookstores or you can shop on-line.
- During the First Communion Mass, the children do not carry gifts with them in the procession.
- The priest will bless any articles that the children have at the end of mass in the chapel.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- A professional photographer has been contacted for individual photo sessions.
- The professional photo session will occur on the final practice session for the First Communion Mass.
- The photographer requires payment on the day of the photo session.
- Use of your personal camera and/or video camera is limited during the liturgy.
- Camera flashes are not allowed during the First Communion Mass.
- Please remain in your pew while taking photos during the entire mass.
- Video cameras can be used from the back of the church as long as you remain in one spot.
- Please inform your relatives and friends of these photo/video guidelines.

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