

CEREMONY/CLOTHING REMINDERS

Banner

Banners are optional. Please check the instruction sheet. Banner must be brought to the rehearsal so that it can be hung in advance on the pew prior to the Eucharist celebration.

Blessing of Sacramentals

Rosaries, prayer books, medals and other items can be brought to the priest on any weekend before or after the date of First Communion for a private blessing. It is encouraged not to bring them on the First Eucharist date because of all the commotion.

Clothing:

- The basic rule of thumb regarding your child's clothing for First Eucharist is to wear "Sunday Best".
- Please consider the solemnity of the occasion.

Girls

- Traditionally, girls wear white dresses. Pastel dresses are also acceptable. Length is parent preference. Consider the possible temperature when choosing sleeve length.
- Hair – There is no requirement to have anything on the head. Veils, flower wreaths, hat or other items are up to the family.

Boys

- The boys wear suits, sweaters, vests or just dress shirt of any color (with or without tie).
- Dress pants or khaki's preferred. Any color.

Additional Items

- We do not encourage purses or gloves.
- Do not wear shoes with flashing lights.
- Rosaries unnecessary during Mass. Children can leave a prayer book in the pew.
- Candles ARE NOT used during the ceremony.

Pews

At all churches, each family will be assigned 1 pew for family members.

Photography and/or Videos during Mass

- Prior to Mass, children have pictures taken throughout the church.
- Take photos from your pew.
- Please ask your family members NOT to come up to the sanctuary during the reception of the Eucharist. It is very distracting to all participants.
- After the Liturgy, children will be brought into the sanctuary for group photos to be taken by family/friends. The priest will take private photos with your child after the group photo in the sanctuary.