

## FIRST COMMUNION

It is with great joy that we gather in anticipation of your child's first encounter with Jesus' Sacred Body & Precious Blood. There are a few guidelines to adhere to for this special occasion.

### DRESS CODE

#### Young Ladies

- A white, ivory, or cream-colored dress is suggested. If the dress does not have sleeves, a jacket or light sweater must be worn so the arms are covered.
- Tea length or to the mid-calf is a good length. Simple, with good taste, reflecting modesty and beauty for Our Lord is the best guideline to go by.
- Shoes should be comfortable with low heels or flats.
- Veils are optional, but encouraged.
- Gloves may be worn.
- Wedding or Quinceanera style dresses are not acceptable as they tend to be very distracting for the child and take the focus off of Jesus and place it on what is being worn.

#### Young Gentlemen

- A white, ivory, or cream-colored shirt is required.
- Dark pants (preferably black) are best.
- Ties are required. Bow ties, bolo ties and regular ties are acceptable.
- Suit jacket or a sport jacket is optional and recommended.
- Shirts are to be tucked in and pants should have a belt with them.
- Dress shoes or dress boots are acceptable.

#### For everyone:

- No tennis or sport shoes.
- No artificial colored hair for either boys or girls. Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear small simple earrings.

### RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Father Jim will bless any religious articles your child may have. Please bring them with you to Mass and keep them in your pew. Father will extend a blessing on these articles before the final blessing.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of your child receiving communion and will give each family a price list for purchase of additional pictures if desired.

**Out of respect for the sacredness of the liturgy, pictures and video cameras are not permitted to be used during the Mass. The use of a camera of any kind is a distraction to all in attendance. Before or after Mass you may take pictures with your child.**

If at all possible every member of the family should receive communion. Please make sure to go to confession if needed before this special day. Remember, Father hears confessions every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office.

God Bless You!

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