

## Holy Trinity Parish First Eucharist Dress Code Tradition

Celebration of First Eucharist dress code depends on parish tradition or pastoral decisions. Some parishes just have children wear their Sunday best, no veils or white dresses. The following seems to be the tradition that has been established in Holy Trinity Parish.

1. What color of pants do boys need wear?  
**A dark color seems to be the tradition here.**
2. Do the pants have to be black or blue? Can they be tan/khaki?  
**Black or dark blue, dark brown etc.  
No one in the past has worn tan or khaki.**
3. Do boys have to have a suit jacket?  
**In the past some have. Fine. Not required**
4. Do the boys have to have a white shirt?  
**Yes**
5. Does it matter if the shirt is long or short-sleeved?  
**Most have been long-sleeved. Both are fine**
6. Do the boys have to wear a tie?  
**Most do wear tie or bow tie. Not an absolute**
7. Can the tie be patterned or does it need to be solid-colored?  
**Whatever**
8. Are nice tennis shoes acceptable?  
**I don't see why not.**
9. Do girls have to wear a headpiece with a veil?  
**Some in the past have just had flowers or something with no veil.  
I don't think this should be a time of huge expenses especially with what is happening in our economy now.**
10. Can girls have sleeveless dresses?  
**Sleeveless is okay. But I strongly dislike spaghetti strap. But some may have these already purchased.**
11. Do the dresses have to be just white or can they have some color?  
**I don't think I have seen any pastels since I have been here.**
12. Do girls need to wear gloves? Are gloves allowed?  
**No. Not allowed in church on the day of First Communion. If parents want to have these for the picture taking or outside of Church, that is up to them. I will ask them to remove them if they have them on before we process in church.**
13. Do the girls have to wear tights/pantyhose?  
**Parental choice**
14. Will the children receive a flower on the morning of First Eucharist or can parent's purchase a corsage or boutonniere for them?  
**Receiving a flower or parental purchase of corsage or boutonniere has not been a part of the tradition here. I would prefer it not be started adding expenses to the day. The focus is on the reception of Jesus not all the externals.**

If for some reason a family is not able to follow the traditions that involve extraordinary expenses of clothes they would not wear again, I respect their simply wearing their Sunday best. But people ask so they know what to do so as to not feel too different.