

# AVE MARIA PARISH'S DRESS CODE POLICY

2025-2026

Those preparing for the sacraments of baptisms and weddings should be guided by a combination of virtue, common sense, and piety when deciding what to wear to church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about dressing properly for Mass: “Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.” - CCC 1387

## **WOMEN:**

- Modest dress, skirt and blouse or dress pants and blouse
  - dresses and skirts must be knee-length or longer
  - dress pants must not be tight (no sweatpants, leggings or yoga pants)
  - no low-cut necklines or shirts exposing the midriff (no tee shirts with logos on it)
  - chest and back must be covered (no spaghetti straps)
- Dress shoes (readers for weddings should wear sensible shoes with backs and low heels that do not make a lot of noise when walking)

## **MEN:**

- Dress shirts (no tee shirts with logos on it)
- Dress pants that are not tight-fitting (no shorts or jeans)
- Suit and tie or sports coat (not required, but always appropriate)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers or sandals)
- No hats

EXAMPLES OF SUITABLE  
WEDDING DRESSES FOR A  
CATHOLIC WEDDING



EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE  
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