

ALTAR SERVER GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in helping our parish community as an altar server! Altar Servers form a very important part of the church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. Altar Serving is also a commitment. Please read and be familiar with the expectations of this program.

Expectations:

- Be at the Church 15 minutes before mass begins.
- Fulfill assigned times to serve.
- Sign in when arriving to serve.
- Find your own replacement at mass if you cannot make it for whatever reason.
- Be respectful in your appearance at the weekend masses. (See below)
- Neatly hang up vestments after mass.
- Pay attention to the priest during mass. Anticipate what might happen next.
- Be still and sit up straight. Don't fidget or slouch. Don't forget that you are in front of the congregation and a reflection of the priest. You don't want to be a distraction.
- Participate fully in all liturgies. Know and say the appropriate prayers and responses throughout the mass. Join in the singing of hymns.
- Be able to work together as a team.

Appearance:

- Boys: Wear long pants; wear clean dress shoes. (ie. no tennis shoes, flip flops, sandals); Hair must be groomed.
- Girls: Wear "Sunday clothes"; wear dress shoes (ie. no flip flops, ugs, tennis shoes); Hair must be groomed, pulled back if long.

Rewards:

- Medals: Acolyte, Silver, and Papal (based on attendance, appearance, behavior and participation in mass)
- Parties at Christmas and St. Patrick's Day
- Trip to Magic Mountain at the end of the year

As an altar server, you are there to assist the priest as he celebrates Mass. Remember to pay close attention to Father at all times, so you are ready to help if and when you are needed and you always know what's going on!