



Would your Son or Daughter like to become an Altar Server at Holy Spirit Catholic Church?

Would your Son or Daughter be willing and able to attend training sessions, and have a desire to serve the Lord and His people.

Requirements are: 3rd grade or higher and 1st Communion made.

The Altar Server's Charge: As you accept the honor and privilege of becoming an Altar Server for Holy Spirit Catholic Church, you acknowledge that you are now a member of the Altar Server Ministry. Your duty as an Altar Server is to assist the Priests at the Holy Mass. In performing your duties, you will have the tremendous privilege of being in the Sanctuary and at the Altar of our Lord. With the honor and privilege bestowed upon you as members of the Altar Server Ministry, comes a responsibility to act with reverence at all times; to be alert and ready to assist our Priests. Please be ever mindful that you are to participate in the Mass, to pray, to sing and to worship as you give the gift of your time and service to our Church.

About the Ministry: Serving the people of God while we worship in the church is a way of growing closer to God. We cannot see God. But when we do something for God's people, we give worship and honor to God and encounter the living God.

Serving at the Altar is a special privilege. Altar Servers are close to the altar as they serve the priest, they carry the cross, they carry the light of Christ as the Gospel is proclaimed. Our young altar servers wear the robe of baptism (the alb), which is a sign of their position in the community as baptized people. They hold the book of the prayers (the Roman Missal), and they help the priest at the altar. How wonderful this is!

Scheduling: Once one has been trained, Altar Servers work as a team. As a team member, each server will be assigned a function what they will do at the given Eucharistic Celebration.

Altar Servers are usually scheduled to serve Mass at least once a month. Servers may contact Yoshi Asanuma (see below) in advance to request any dates off that they know they will be unavailable. If a schedule conflict arises once the server schedule is already finished, however, it is the server's responsibility to call other servers and arrange coverage. Servers are expected to be generous in helping each other out in this way. At least three Altar Servers are scheduled for each Mass.

A monthly schedule is e-mailed to parents. I will make a special effort to schedule family members to serve together.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Altar Server Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Your Birth Date: _____

Parent's Email: _____ Mass you regularly attend: _____

The Altar Servers form a very important part of the church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. It is a very important responsibility, and requires a sincere commitment. Only if you are serious about committing to the following expectations should you apply to be an Altar Server. Your signature indicates your agreement to these expectations.

1. All servers are expected to be at the Church 15 minutes before Mass begins.
2. All servers are to sign in when they serve, then check with the Liturgical Auxiliary (LA) to see what needs to be done to prepare for Mass.
3. All servers are expected to fulfill their assigned times to serve.
4. All servers are expected to find their own replacement at Mass if they cannot make it for whatever reason.
5. All servers are expected to wear "Sunday clothes" at the weekend Masses, even when not scheduled to serve.
6. All servers are expected to hang up their vestments after Mass.
7. All servers are expected to pay attention to the Priest, Deacon, and LA during Mass.
8. All servers are expected to know and say the appropriate responses throughout the Mass.

Yes, I _____ agree.
(Your signature)

I, the parent/guardian of _____ give permission for him/her to apply and serve as an altar server at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. I agree to support my child in his/her ministry by ensuring my child serves as scheduled and on time, and makes arrangements to find a replacement if my child cannot serve on a scheduled date.

Yes, I/we _____ agree.
(Parent's signature)

Today's Date: _____

All applicants must be baptized Catholic students in grades 3 and above who have received their First Holy Communion, are parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, are willing and able to attend training sessions, and have a desire to serve the Lord and His people.