

## ALTAR SERVER REMINDERS

1. The role of the Altar Server is to assist the Priest (or Bishop) and the whole community in the celebration of the Mass.
2. Remember to arrive 15 minutes before the start of Mass.
3. **Appropriate Attire:** Dress as you would to go anywhere important. Dress shoes should be worn, no sneakers, work boots or flip-flops. Male servers should dress in collared shirts, dress pants or khakis. Female servers should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks. Blue jeans, beach attire, gym clothes and T-shirts are never to be worn at Mass. Such clothing is not appropriate dress for serving at the altar.
4. Please do not chew gum or eat candy.
5. Please use the restroom before Mass. Only leave the altar if there is an emergency.
6. Altar Servers should sit and listen attentively to the readings and homily. They should also participate in the Mass by singing the songs and praying along with the congregation. Please do not play with your alb or cincture (the rope belt worn around your waist).
7. Servers should watch for any changes that Father might make or things he may need. Stand or sit-up straight and move slowly and solemnly—never run! Do not talk while at the altar unless you are instructing a younger server. Your hands should be held together unless you are carrying something or sitting.
8. Remember to give a short bow to Father when you finish bringing him something.