

## Altar Servers



Altar Servers are a vital part of the liturgical ministry. They are vital because Altar Servers perform not just a functional role but a symbolic role as well and symbolism is the language of worship. Their actions in the Mass are symbolic of much more than you think and the way they serve can lead people closer to God.

The role of the Altar Server is to assist the Priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass.

Some of the Altar Server responsibilities include:

- Caring for the altar candles
- Bearing the cross and candles in the entrance procession
- Assisting with holy water, water, wine and offertory gifts at Mass
- Assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary.

All children in grades 4-12 are welcome to train as Altar Servers. An Altar Server must attend a training session and then normally “shadow” an experienced server before being allowed to serve at Mass.

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