



## Alter Servers

The primary role of an alter server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy. A boy/girl, 3rd grade to High School, who has fulfilled his/her First Communion is eligible to be an alter server. Please contact the pastor if your child is interested in serving.

### Requirements

- Candidates should have made their First Communion.
- Candidates should know how to genuflect correctly.
- Candidates should know how to make the sign of the Cross.
- Candidates can be male or female.

### Steps

- Prepare for the task. Before you arrive at church, wear a nice shirt and pants. Wear presentable shoes that you can easily walk in without tripping, as the congregation will probably see these. Refrain from wearing high heels or flip flops.
- Arrive at church at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. Remove any gum or candy from your mouth.
- Go to the Sacristy. Try not to talk loud, but whisper. Put on your alb correctly, use the mirror if needed. If you are unsure of the length, ask a clergy member to help you.
- Decide who will be doing which job. The priest or deacon will let you know the steps during Mass.
- No Talking during Mass. Always have your hands joined and stand up straight. Listen attentively during the readings and homily.
- Clean up. Before hanging your robe back up, extinguish all of the candles and ask a clergy member if there is anything else needed to do.