

Greeter Ministry

Greeters are the front line of our church's hospitality ministry, helping parishioners & visitors as they enter and leave the church. Individuals, couples & even families may serve as greeters.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Arrive at the church 15 minutes prior to Mass
- Greet people as they enter the church & hand out bulletins at the end of Mass
- Greeters should know the location of the bathrooms, elevator, education wing and downstairs hall



Lector Ministry

The role of a Lector is a very important liturgical ministry for Mass. The Lector proclaims the Word of God from the Lectionary preceding the Gospel at Mass. The Lector also reads the Universal Prayer and processes into Church holding the Book of the Gospels. All are invited to join this ministry.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers are called from the community to be the presence of Christ, to become servants to other members of the Body of Christ. The primary role of an Extraordinary Minister is to assist the celebrant in distributing the true presence of Christ to other members during the celebration of the Mass.

Who may be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

- Those 16 years or older and a member in good standing of their parish
- Live & practice their faith daily; be authentic signs of Christ's presence
- Receive appropriate training and complete recertification when term expires to continue in this ministry
- Be commissioned by the Pastor

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick

If there are sick or homebound members of the community who are unable to attend weekend liturgies, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion may be sent with Holy Communion to them. Along with visiting individuals, a team takes Holy Communion to the Catholic residents of Shipley Manor Nursing Home every Thursday.



Altar Server Ministry

The role of an Altar Server is a very important liturgical ministry. Altar Servers help to make the Liturgy flow reverently and smoothly. The mission of this ministry is to serve at Our Lord's Table by assisting the priest and deacon at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Altar servers also give a powerful witness to members of our Faith Community. In order that we might have servers at all our liturgies, our parish community invites both youth and adults to consider joining this ministry.



Sacristan Ministry

A sacristan, under the general direction of the clergy, undertakes the overall preparation of liturgical celebrations, including all that is needed for special days such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Arrive at the church 30 minutes prior to Mass, leaving time for prayer before beginning duties
- Prepare the water, cruet, pitcher, bowl & towel, purificators, corporal, ciboria and chalices needed for Mass for placement on the credence table located on the altar
- Pick up the key to the tabernacle and ensure that the ciborium contains an adequate amount of hosts for Mass
- Confirm that all scheduled Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are present, and if necessary, enlist the assistance of other EMOHC in attendance
- Light the candles on the altar 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass



Usher Ministry

The ministry of Ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. Ushers serve as representatives of the church before, during and after the Mass by welcoming people, helping them find seats in the church, taking up the offertory and setting out the parish bulletin. Those of high school age or older and who are physically able to complete the responsibilities of being an usher are invited to join this ministry.

Altar Linen Ministry

Altar Linens are an essential part of Mass, and their cleaning and maintenance are handled by volunteer parishioners.

If you are interested in joining one of these ministries please contact the Parish Office.

Summary of Liturgical Ministries



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