

Altar Server training session 2015

- What is the ministry of an Altar Server? ... to assist the Priest at the Altar
 - Reminder
 - we are here to pray and worship God
 - what we do and how we do it says whether or not it is important
- Location of items in sacristy ... water, wine, purificators, corporeal, candles, cross
- Setting up ... offertory table and credence table
- Candles
 - do not blow out – snuff out ... otherwise you blow wax all over
 - use of lighter / matches
 - carrying candles – keep straight, wax will spill out
- What you need to prepare before Mass ... check on book and binder, table set up, and light candles
- Entrance procession
 - order
 - how to hold candle and cross (not in the middle ... but for stability spread apart hand hold)
- Holding the book for the priest
- Offertory
 - who does what
 - who does what when ... the order
 - number one mistake ... bringing me water before receiving the gifts
- Ringing bells
- After Communion
 - Need water
 - Eucharistic Minister returning vessels to be purified
- Recessional
 - Order and placement
 - Cross down outside the sanctuary ... candles flank celebrant
- After Mass
 - candles extinguished
 - hang up alb
 - in the past the servers would set up for the next Mass*
 - not anymore – the sacristan will do this.*

The reason behind what we do: in the Rite itself, and practical considerations
What about visiting priests ... adaptability