

**THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**  
**CROSSBEARER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Prior to Mass:** Be dressed and ready to serve. After the prayer in the Liturgy Room, pick up the cross and line up.
2. **Procession:** Lead the procession **slowly** down the main aisle at the beginning of Mass. Move to the right of the altar in front of the cross stand. Gently place the cross in its stand and wait for the Presider to bow in front of the altar before taking your seat.
3. **Opening Prayer:** Early in the Mass, when the Presider says, "Let us pray," take the dark red acolyte prayer book opened to the marked page to him. Hold it up in front of the Presider as he reads the prayer.
4. **Gifts' Procession:** After the homily, when we all stand for the Prayers of the Faithful, take the cross back up the main aisle and wait until the Offertory hymn begins. At that time, lead the procession **slowly** down the main aisle. After putting the cross back in the stand, remain at the altar to help with the gifts.
5. **Mingling of Water and Wine:** After the Presider or Deacon adds the water to the wine; he will place the water pitcher on the edge of the altar. Take the pitcher and little tray from the altar and place it on the side table (credence table). Return to your seat.
6. **Sign of Peace:** At the Sign of Peace take the tray of cups from the credence table to the altar.
7. **Communion:** At communion time, a Minister of Communion will offer you communion. Take a host from the paten (plate) and lay it in your cupped hand. Keep it there until the Presider consumes his host. Then, take the host from the palm of your hand and place it in your mouth. Next, when the Commentator offers you the cup, take it and drink from it, return it to the Commentator, and sit down.  
  
After the cups and bowls have been handed out to the Ministers of Communion, help the Candle bearers clear the altar.
8. **Ending Prayer:** At the end of Mass when the Presider says, "Let us pray," take the acolyte's prayer book to him.
9. **Recession:** After the presider gives the final blessing, walk to the cross, stand and wait for the Presider to come around to the front of the altar. After he bows, pick up the cross and **slowly** lead the recession back up the main aisle. Place the cross in the holder on the wall before changing out of your alb.
10. **After 11:30 Mass only:** After removing your alb, return the cross to the stand at the front of the church.