

Holy Spirit Church



Welcome!

Dear Altar Servers and Parents,

Thank you for your willingness to join the Altar Server Ministry at Holy Spirit Church.

This is truly a family commitment as parents play a key role in a Server's participation in this ministry. One of the basic building blocks for all Catholic communities is gathering for the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and Altar Servers hold a privileged place in these celebrations.

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We welcome any questions you may have and look forward to help you LEARN, SERVE and LEAD with joy in this ministry.

Please feel free to email inquiries to us. Together, let us bring our gifts to the table of The Lord.

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The Role of the Altar Server

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GOOD ALTAR SERVERS WILL...

- **Be on time:** Check in 15 minutes before Mass starts
- **Sign-In:** Otherwise we will think that you missed your commitment
- **Dress neatly:** clean shoes and combed hair are specially important
- **Request a sub:** If you cannot make it to your scheduled Mass, request a substitute online
- **Participate:** Be prayerful and sing. You are assisting the Priest in leading the people in prayer. To do this, you also must PARTICIPATE during the Liturgy.
 - You are an example for the congregation. Remember to smile, say the prayers, sing the songs, share a sign of peace, fold hands and walk reverently.
- **Be Respectful:** you are role models for other kids at Mass!
- **Continue Learning:** concentrate each time you come to serve and watch the other Servers when you are attending Mass.

BOOKS



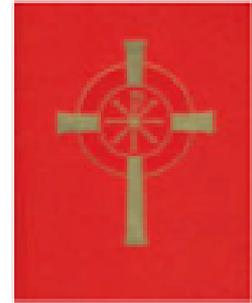
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Contains the opening prayer, prayer over the gifts, prayer after communion, and solemn blessings and Eucharistic prayers.



BOOK OF THE GOSPEL

This book contains the gospel reading for each Sunday



LECTIONARY

Contains the scripture readings for Mass. It is carried in the procession by the lector and placed on the ambo.

OBJECTS



CHALICE

The large cup used at Mass to hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.



PATEN

A saucer-like disk which holds the bread which becomes the Body of Christ.



CIBORIUM

A vessel used to hold the Hosts which will be used for communion.



CORPORAL

A white linen cloth on which are placed the vessels containing the bread and wine during Mass.

PURIFICATOR

A white cloth used to wipe the chalice. It resembles a napkin.



OBJECTS



LAVABO

Bowl the priest uses to wash his hands as he prepares the gifts



CRUET

Small containers used for holding the water and wine during Mass



WINE GLASSES

Used to hold wine for communion

VESTMENTS



ALB

A long white garment used by all altar servers during Mass.



CINCTURE

A long cord used for fastening albs at the waist. Liturgical color of the day may be used.

SANCTUARY



PRESIDER'S CHAIR

The Priest celebrating Mass sits on this chair during some parts of the Mass.

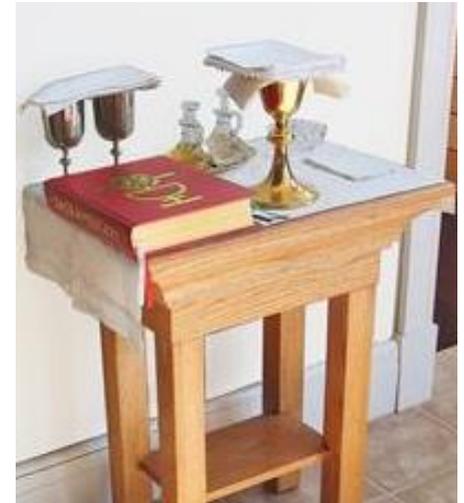
ALTAR
The table where the Priest celebrates the Eucharist



AMBO

The stand from which the Gospel is read

CREDENCE TABLE
All the things needed for Mass are kept there when they are not needed at the altar



Introductory Rite

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rite

COME

LISTEN

DO

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The Entrance

The First Reading

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Concluding Rites

Greeting of the Altar

The Responsorial Psalm

The Prayer over the Offerings

The Act of Penitence

The Second Reading

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Kyrie Eleison

Gospel Acclamation

The Communion Rite

The Gloria

Gospel

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

The Homily

The Rite of Peace

The Profession of Faith

The Fraction

The Prayer of the Faithful

Communion

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

