

# Behavior and Dress Code for Keysis Mass Ministers

As Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, we have a very important role in the sacred action of the Mass. Our behavior and our dress should reflect the holiness of what we do as we celebrate Mass. It is important to remember that our behavior and dress either point people to the Lord or distract people from the Lord. We are going to point people to the Lord and His saving action of the Mass.

## Code of Behavior

1. Conduct yourself in a Christ-like respectful manner.
2. When you are there to serve, do it with all your heart.
3. Avoid any activity that would distract you or any other person from being able to fully and prayerfully participate in the Mass.
4. Participate in the Mass – pray and sing, listen attentively, be a good example to those around you.
5. Obviously, don't visit with friends, text, chat, giggle, whisper, flirt, etc.

## Dress Code

Your outside appearance reveals your inner attitudes. A little extra care as you dress for Mass will actually help you to prepare for what you are about to do as a minister of the Word and Eucharist. It also leads others to see the importance of what we do in worship. The Mass is no Sunday afternoon chore or trip to the library. The Mass is the highest expression of praise and thanks that the people of God can give. The Mass is a miracle of eternal significance when heaven touches earth, bread and wine become Jesus. The Mass is where God speaks to us and feeds us. Let's communicate that to others in the way we dress for ministry.

Ushers – Pants, skirt, long shorts (in good shape), or nice jeans (clean, no holes, rips, fades, not tight) and nice shirt that covers shoulders (preferably with a collar, but a tasteful, clean t-shirt in good condition will work). Wear Shoes – no flip-flops.

Lectors – **Guys:** slacks/pants and a nice shirt with a collar (some have worn a tie – very nice). Dressy jeans are okay, but pants are way better. Nice shoes. **Ladies:** a modest dress, skirt, shirt, etc. dress shoes. Make sure it's not too short and your shoulders are covered. Never wear shorts, flip-flops, sweats, t-shirts, lake attire.

Eucharistic Ministers – Pants/slacks, dress/skirt, or nice jeans (clean, no holes, rips, fades, not tight) and nice shirt w/ collar (that covers shoulders). Wear Shoes, dress shoes are best. Never wear shorts, flip-flops, sweats or hoodies, t-shirts, ripped jeans, etc.

Fill-in's – We are always in need of fill-in's, so if you are not on the schedule but are coming to Mass, dress nicely enough to fill-in just in case you are needed. And if for some reason, you aren't dressed appropriately, let someone else fill-in.