

General Instructions for Altar Servers

Before Mass:



- Arrive at least 15 minutes before mass starts
- When you arrive at church, go to the Minister's room and change into your alb (check the length in the mirror – it should come to your ankles)
- Find the adult server and help them set up the altar
- Greet people as they arrive for mass. You can help children with their name tags for Children's Liturgy

During Mass:

- It is important to be reverent during mass. This means to show respect and love for God
- You should know and participate in the Mass
- **Be observant** –if you are ever unsure about what to do, look to Father for a signal or ask Father or the adult server
- Perform duties during the Mass in a dignified and respectful manner
- Serve as an example of dignified worship to the congregation (stand up and sit straight, hands folded when not in use, etc.)



By your actions, you are a real life reminder of Christ's presence with us at the Mass

After Mass:

- Help the adult server clear the credence table
- Hang your alb neatly in the closet



Notes:

- Be sure that you show up for Mass when you are scheduled to serve. If you cannot be present, you must arrange for a replacement.
- Dress appropriately for church: What you wear underneath your alb will show through – light, plain coloured shirts are best. You must have shoes to wear – no winter boots allowed!