## *Altar Server – Adult*

***Overview***

- Responsible for assisting the priest in the celebration of Mass

***Activities/Responsibilities***

- Carry the processional cross and/or candles in opening and ending processions
- Assist with incense
- Help the priest receive the gifts of bread and wine
- Present the cruets of wine and water to put in the chalice
- Administer water to the priest as he ritually washes his hands
- Assist in any other way required
- Actively participate in the mass – saying of prayers, singing
- Mentor youth altar servers
- Required to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass
- Bring forward any issues or concerns to Alta Server Coordinator

***Skills, Experience and Qualifications***

- Member of St. Mary Parish
- Have received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession or Grade 5 Catechism
- Understand the order of Mass
- Aware of and attentive to the needs of others
- Be attentive and sensitive to the presence of God during the Mass, and afterwards
- Required to know the principal prayers of the Mass: The Gloria, Our Father, Nicene Creed, Lamb of God, Lord, I am not worthy and Holy, Holy, Holy.
- Physical capabilities to walk independently or with assisted device throughout the church

***Orientation, Training and Support***

- Training including on-the-job training by senior Altar Servers, Parish Pastor and/or PPC Chairperson
- The Liturgy Coordinator and Parish Priest are the first level of support, supervision and evaluation.
- Ongoing support from Liturgy Coordinator, other Altar Servers, Parish Pastor and/or PPC Chairperson
- Yearly commitment if possible and/or based on individual availability

***Screening***

- Police Information Check is required
- Vulnerable Persons Check is required
- Covenant of Care form required

***Benefits***

- Greater understanding of Liturgical Service
- Expand your faith practice
- A way to serve the parish community

## *Altar Server – Child/Youth*

***Overview***

- Responsible for assisting the priest in the celebration of Mass

***Activities/Responsibilities***

- Carry the processional cross and/or candles in opening and ending processions
- Help the priest receive the gifts of bread and wine
- Present the cruets of wine and water to put in the chalice
- Administer water to the priest as he ritually washes his hands
- To assist in any other way required
- Actively participate in the mass – saying of prayers, singing
- Required to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass
- Bring forward any issues or concerns to Alta Server Coordinator

***Skills, Experience and Qualifications***

- Member of St. Mary Parish
- Have received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession or Grade 5 Catechism
- Understand the order of Mass
- Aware of and attentive to the needs of others
- Be attentive and sensitive to the presence of God during the Mass, and afterwards
- Required to know the principal prayers of the Mass: The Gloria, Our Father, Nicene Creed, Lamb of God, Lord, I am not worthy and Holy, Holy, Holy.
- Physical capabilities to walk independently or with assisted device throughout the church

***Orientation, Training and Support***

- Training including on-the-job training by senior Altar Servers, Parish Pastor and/or PPC Chairperson
- The Liturgy Coordinator and Parish Priest are the first level of support, supervision and evaluation.
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- Yearly commitment if possible and/or based on individual availability

***Benefits***

- Greater understanding of Liturgical Service
- Expand your faith practice
- A way to serve the parish community