



## What does an Altar Server Do?

- Arrive 15 minutes before mass to prepare
- Light the candles in the sanctuary
- Lead the procession as a cross bearer or candle holder
- Set the altar for the consecration
- Receive the gifts of bread and wine
- Assist Father during the act of consecration
- Ring the bells
- After communion replace the sacred vessels
- Lead everyone out of the church at the end of mass
- On special occasions you will assist Father with holy water and holding the liturgical books

## Altar Server Prayer

*God of glory,  
Your beloved Son shown us  
That true worship comes from a  
humble and contrite heart*

*Bless our brothers and sisters,  
Who have responded to the needs of  
our parish  
And wish to commit themselves to  
your service as altar servers*

*Grant that their ministry may be  
fruitful  
And our worship pleasing in your  
sight.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

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## ALTAR SERVING

*Minister in the Sanctuary*

## Understanding Serving

When you volunteer as a server at St. Barbara Church. You:

1. Light the Candles
2. Hold the liturgical books
3. Place the sacred vessels
4. Arrange the cloths
5. Ring the bells
6. Carry the cross

## The Mass is an act of Thanksgiving

When you serve you are expressing your love for God and your church

As an altar server you help each of us give thanks to God as you:

Hold a candle to light our way

Present a book to help us pray

Prepare the altar for the celebration

*The service that you provide not only fills a need but brings overflowing thankfulness to God.*

*2 Corinthians 9:12*

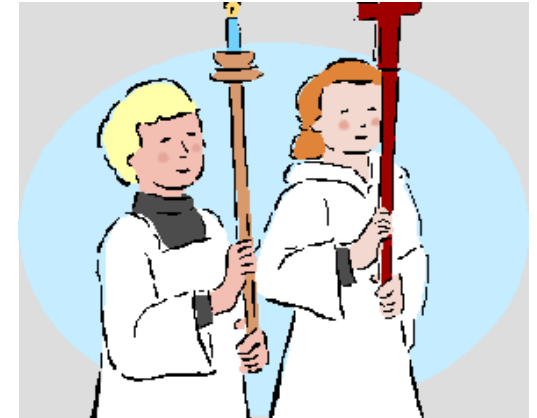
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*Altar Servers do the little things, so the rest of your church family can focus on the celebration of the mass.*

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**At the Last Supper, someone had to lead Jesus and the Apostles into the upper room, set the table , and clean up after.**

**These were the first servers.**



*The servers begin the liturgy with the Entrance Procession*

## Can I Altar Serve

An altar server must be a practicing catholic and have received the sacrament of the Eucharist.

There is a training period with an experienced altar server.

Mass times are at

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 8 AM or 10 AM

Altar server roles are scheduled a month in advance.

Some holy days and special celebrations may require attendance at different times.