

OLMC Altar Server Expectations

Servers carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant, carry the incense and censer, prepare the altar and assist the priest when he/she receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest and deacon as necessary.

1. Arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Newer servers should arrive 30 minutes early so they can receive more training from the Deacon, MC, or Knight of the Altar.
2. Dress appropriately (see dress code below).
3. Make best effort to learn the role of the altar server. Review the training video as many times as needed until you are comfortable with each altar server position. If you need more guidance, ask an MC to work with you after Mass.

Training video:

This video is not public. It will be shared with altar server candidates and their families before orientation & training session.

4. Pay attention throughout the Mass and conduct yourself with a reverent and graceful demeanor. Be aware of your posture and what you are doing with your hands even when you are not immediately involved in a part of the Mass. The assembly can see you, and your attentiveness and prayerfulness will help them be attentive and prayerful.
5. Say/sing the people's parts of the Mass.
6. Strive to live consistent with the teachings of Christ and his Church. This is the duty and joy of every Catholic Christian, but those who serve at Mass have an additional obligation to be an example of faithfulness.

Dress Code

Guys	Girls
Black Dress Shoes with polished appearance (No Converse, Vans, tennis shoes, sandals, etc) Black Socks Dress Slacks (No Jeans or shorts) Collared shirt, tucked-in (long sleeves or short sleeves are both okay) Belt	Black closed-toe dress shoes (without heels) Dress or Skirt (Below the knee) Dressy Capri pants okay Blouse or dressy top Earrings (no more than one earring in each lobe. Studs only.) Hair neatly pulled back