

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

.....MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

It takes many hands to provide the spirit-filled Masses that we are blessed with each and every weekend and even more for our yearly Easter and Christmas Masses!

I invite you to experience Mass on a deeper level by helping to prepare for Mass, serving during the Mass or by helping others prepare for a Mass or rite.

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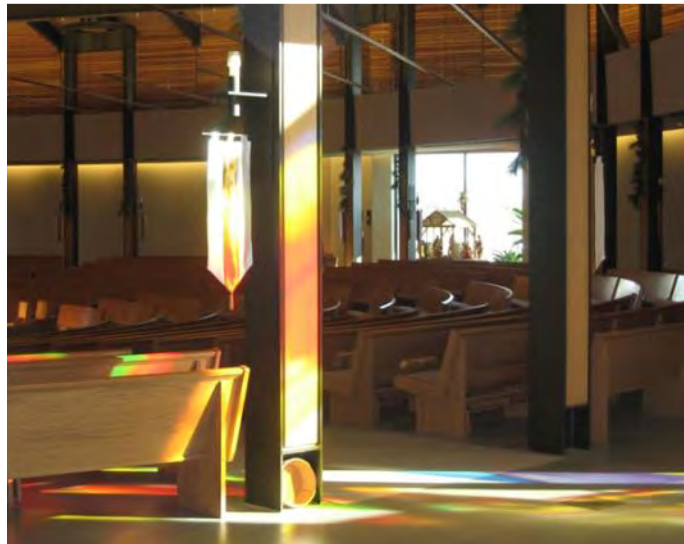
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# Ministry Descriptions

**Altar Server:** Assist the priest during the celebration of Mass. To become an Altar Server you will attend a training session to become familiar with religious objects used during mass, such as Sacramentary, chalice, corporal cloth and purificator cloth. You will arrive for Mass 10 minutes early when you are scheduled to serve and secure a substitute if you are not able to serve at your scheduled time. You will be scheduled approximately 2 Masses per month.

## Baptism

- **Garment Sewing**—Assist with cutting, sewing or embroidering the baptismal bibs.
- **Baptism Preparation Catechist**— Facilitate the class which is held once per month on the second Saturday of each month; the class is approximately 1 1/2 hours long. Class outline and materials are provided.
- **Baptism Host/Hostess**— The host/hostess is responsible for greeting the baptism families as they arrive and help them to move smoothly through the baptism rite. They may help with set up and will also assist the preside during the rite.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

- **Presider** – Leads the children out of the congregation and helps the liturgy progress through each part.
- **Song Leader** – The Song Leader leads the children in song during the liturgy, leads the responsorial Psalm in between the readings, leads the Halleluia (or appropriate Lenten acclamation), and leads children in song after the homily lesson.
- **Reader** – The Reader stands at the back of the church in the middle aisle with the Presider, carries up the CLOW banner, and helps dismiss the kids. You read the one or two readings. After reading, you help the Presider and Shepherds care for the children present.
- **Shepherd** – Guides the children out of the adult liturgy, keeping them behind the Presider with the children's lectionary book. In the children's area, keeps the children focused on the liturgy, usually with a gentle tap on the shoulder and hand signals.

**Communion Service Presider**— This ministry gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and reflections on the reading for the day as you also lead prayers and distribute the Blessed Sacrament. You will be provided with an order of service to follow. Communion services are held Thursday and Friday at 9:00 am.

**Environment and Art** The Environment & Art Ministry at Holy Spirit was established to enhance the Worship Space and create a welcoming and spiritual environment. The time commitment to this ministry varies by the liturgical seasons.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**— assist the priest to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. In addition to be a registered member of the parish, extraordinary ministers must be confirmed and at least 16 years old.

**Greeter**— This is a ministry where families can serve together, from the youngest to the oldest! Greeters welcome worshippers as they enter the church; coordinate collections, organize the presentation of gifts, usher congregation to Communion, and pass out bulletins and a smile after Mass.

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## Laundering

- **Alb Laundering:** Ministry is responsible for ensuring the albs for the Altar Servers are washed and ironed on a monthly basis. Ideally, we will have at least 12 ministers which allows each minister to be responsible only once per year.. The Coordinator of this ministry is responsible for creating a yearly schedule, disseminating the instructions for laundering along with the schedule and sending an email reminder.
- **Linen Laundering:** This ministry does the weekly laundering of all the linens used during Mass and other sacramental rites. Ministers are provided with detailed instructions for care of the linens. The Coordinator of the ministry creates a schedule by week approximately 3-4 times a year.

**Lector—** *Lectors* make the Living Word of God present by their proclamation during the Liturgy of the Word. You will also be the crossbearer during processional and recessional and read the announcements. In the absence of a Deacon, you will lead the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Wedding Host/Hostess—** As a wedding host or hostess you will work closely with the bridal party at the rehearsal and the wedding to ensure that the Mass runs smoothly. You will greet the participants as they arrive and assist with set-up, line-up, and coordinate during the Mass..