



**Prayer to St. John Berchmans
Patron Saint of Altar Servers**

Dear Saint John, you died at a very young age, but in that short time you learned to live an exemplary life as a member of the Society of Jesus. Directed by your Guardian Angel, whom you confidently invoked, you learned to be a most humble server at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help altar servers imitate you in their service at Eucharistic celebrations as well as in their conduct with others. Amen.

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CHECK THE BOX(ES) FOR THE TIMES YOU
ARE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AT MASS:

- 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY
- 7:30 A.M. SUNDAY
- 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY
- 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY
- SPECIAL OCCASIONS

**WHO IS A
CHRISTIAN STEWARD?**

*ONE WHO RECEIVES
GOD'S GIFTS
GRATEFULLY,*



*CHERISHES AND TENDS THEM
IN A RESPONSIBLE AND
ACCOUNTABLE MANNER,*



*SHARES THEM IN
JUSTICE AND LOVE
WITH OTHERS,*



*AND RETURNS THEM
WITH INCREASE
TO THE LORD.*

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**ALTAR
SERVERS**



**ALTAR SERVICE
IS A
TRUE HOLY SERVICE**

**HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC PARISH**

Altar Service

Role of the Altar Server

Altar Servers at Holy Redeemer

Altar serving is a prestigious and important position for youth, dating back over one thousand years before Christ when young Samuel served in the Temple with Eli the priest. We continue this rich tradition of Samuel, who eventually dedicated his entire life to serving God and living by God's Word.

St. John writes in his gospel account (John 6:9) that it was a child who assisted Christ in the miracle of the loaves and fishes, bringing “. . . five barley loaves and two fish . . .”.

Young people (fourth grade through high school) wishing to work as servers must be willing to give themselves in service to the Church. As these youth assist the priest in his ministry at Mass, they imitate the child who helped Jesus during His ministry on earth.



The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy (hymns, responses, etc.), by 'looking alert' and by sitting or standing at the appropriate times.

In addition, the role of an altar server is to light the candles on the altar, to carry them in procession and during the solemn singing of the Gospel; to prepare wine and water for the sacrifice of the Mass; and to assist the sacred ministers at the Mass and other public services of the Church.

The Altar Server program is directed by the pastor of Holy Redeemer, Father Joseph P. Mitchell.

Altar Servers are assigned to serve at various Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, Holy Day Masses, Marriages and Funerals.

Altar Servers are chosen from volunteers who have received the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist and are at the 4th grade level or above.

Altar servers are required to be at the church 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass for preparation.

Servers at Holy Redeemer range in age from 10 to 17 years of age. Each Altar Server is asked to serve at one or two Masses each month.

This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to become involved in their Church.