

## HOLY REDEEMER PARISH USHERS/GREETERS OVERVIEW

Holy Redeemer Parish thrives in large part due to its dedicated volunteers. Its crew of ushers and greeters are particularly important as they are often the first personal contact newcomers and visitors have to our faith community.

There are many official Church documents that define, describe and regulate the celebration of the Mass. While rules about good liturgical participation apply to all who gather for worship, those who fulfill any visible ministry in the Mass assume an even greater responsibility to exemplify the best in worship detail. The attitude and action of these volunteers sets the tone and gives example to all worshipers—qualities and attitudes such as reverence, order, dignity, nobility, solemnity, faithfulness, authenticity, warmth and joy.

Throughout our worship experience it is important to remember that in the Eucharist, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is made present in a mystical but real way. This is no simple or casual event, and the manner of our worship should communicate this profound reality to others.

### *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.*

## USHERS AND GREETERS



# Welcome!

### HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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USHERS/GREETERS:  
THE OPPORTUNITIES

**TIME COMMITMENT:** On weekends when scheduled, ushers and greeters should arrive 20–30 minutes prior to Mass; ushers remain “on duty” throughout Mass.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Pleasantly greet of all who arrive for Mass. Assure people receive the worship aids provided for the occasion. Be prepared to answer questions such as restroom locations, child care details, parking, and availability of parish information. Assist people in locating seats if there appears to be difficulty, especially after Mass begins. Ushers are responsible for placing additional seats in the back of the worship space and rearranging the space as required. Seek out volunteers as gift-bearers if not pre-assigned. Ushers pass collection baskets and bring the money forward to the altar. Ushers assist at Communion to assure smooth movement of the assembly and assisting

those needing special consideration. Finally, ushers distribute weekly bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. The worship area should be prepared for the next Mass.

**COMMUNICATION:** Quarterly schedules of weekly assignments are mailed directly to the volunteers’ homes. Occasionally a bulletin with specific details is included. Volunteers may also opt to be an “on-call substitute” only, rather than being scheduled on a regular basis.

**GENERAL LOGISTICS:** Ideally, each Mass should have four to five ushers/greeters serving weekly. Each Mass has a designated lead usher to whom the other volunteers turn when questions or unusual circumstances arise.

**A WORD ABOUT ATTIRE:** Attire should reflect our special participation in the “Wedding Feast of the Lamb” and be accorded the same degree of attention as would our attendance at a family wedding. Wearing blue jeans is not considered appropriate.

**TRAINING:** Volunteers are trained as they begin their ministry.

Please indicate the Mass time(s) you are available to serve:

- 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY VIGIL USHER
- 7:30 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING USHER
- 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING USHER
- 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING USHER
  
- 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY VIGIL GREETER
- 7:30 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING GREETER
- 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING GREETER
- 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING GREETER

Name

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Best time to call:

- Mornings
- Afternoons
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