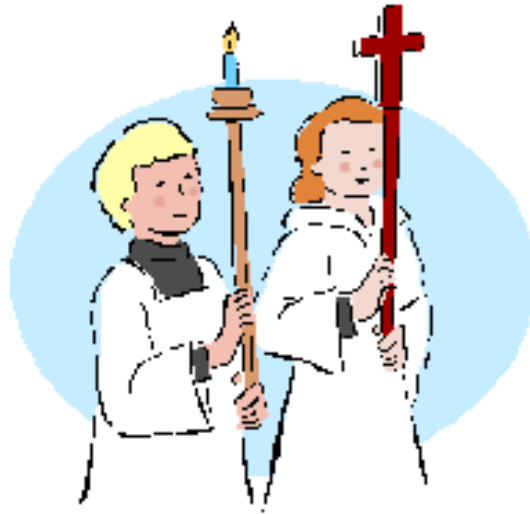


Altar Servers



Historically, the Ministry of Altar Servers comes to us from the early middle ages and was one of the steps toward Priesthood. The acolyte assisted the priest at the celebration of Mass, preparing the gifts for Mass and assisting at other church services. It was reserved to those who were to be priests.

Eventually, the acolyte developed into the position of Altar Server and was originally reserved for boys. Now it includes boys and girls, men and women.

Altar Servers are a very important and essential part of the liturgy. The celebrant of Mass depends on the Altar Server for many things from holding the book of prayers, (the Sacramentary); to preparing the altar itself, for the celebration of Eucharist.

Who can be an Altar Server?

An Altar Server must be faithful, dependable, attentive to the details of the ceremonies, and reverent. Boys and girls, (minimum age is nine years through adult); men and women may become Altar Servers.

Training for Altar Servers is held periodically through the year. Phone the Church Office at 318 687 5121 to volunteer to be an Altar Server.