

POST COVID RESTRICTIONS ALTAR SERVER GUIDELINES

Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass time and check off your name on the sign in sheet. Dress in ALB and CINCTURE (*rope*). **NEW:** Wear the Altar Server Cross located on hooks by the sign-in sheet.

Three servers will sit in the front pew in Section F.

One server will be cross bearer **AND** hold the book for the prayers when Fr. Steve says, "Let us pray." The cross is on the back wall by the sign-in sheet. There is a hook on the wall behind the altar where it is put until the end of Mass. Always hand the CLOSED book to Fr. Steve who will open it for the prayer. Fr. Steve will close it when the prayer is over. Return the book to the credence table.

Two servers will carry the candles for the AMBO in procession at the beginning of Mass **AND NEW** put the two candles on the altar at the Preparation of the Altar. **NEW** (These two candles will be on the credence table along with a lighter.)

These two servers who carry the candles will also wash Father's hands...

One will hold bowl and pitcher of water. **NEW** Do not pour water from the bowl into the pitcher after washing Fr. Steve's hands.

The other will hold the towel.

NEW: Servers should sanitize their hands before and after touching anything (Book, Bowl, Pitcher, Towel, Cross, Candles). If not vaccinated for COVID, servers should wear a mask.

NEW: Servers kneel on the same side as where they sit. Kneeling pads will be provided.

NEW: After the Prayer after Communion, server returns book to credence table and immediately gets the cross. **NEW** The other two servers **MAY** be needed to assist with distributing the bulletins.

AFTER MASS:

Return the cross to its stand.

Sanitize hands.

GENTLY blow out candles, **NEW:** by placing one hand behind the flame and blowing. Take two candles to the table at the entrance. Put the other two on the credence table.

NEW: Remove any plastic wrap from the bowls on the credence table and put the plastic wrap in the "Holy" trashcan by the tabernacle.

Bring the empty bowls and cups to the priest sacristy.

Bring the bowl, pitcher of water and towel to the priest sacristy.

Sanitize hands.

NEW: Remove the Altar Server Cross and hang it on the hook by the sign-in sheet.

Hang up the cincture (rope). Hang up your alb...nicely...using the threaded loop on the collar.

You are free to leave. Thank you for your service.

Always be reverent while serving. Please do not carry on conversations with other servers once Mass has begun...and especially while Communion is being distributed.

QUESTIONS? Ask Fr. Steve or Deacon Jay.