

ALTAR SERVER

"Prayer in action is love, and Love in action is service." - Mother Theresa

Did you know?

- ◆ There are 86 altar servers who are members of our Ministry this year. Their age ranges from 9 to 18.
- ◆ Each week-end, we staff 6 masses. To do so, we need 22 servers weekly.
- ◆ Your child does not need to be a student at St-James School to join.
- ◆ Any boy and girl can begin altar serving in 4th grade.
- ◆ You can join too if you are attending a higher grade than 4th grade.
- ◆ Training for new servers takes place in October, November, and possibly December based on the needs.
- ◆ We have a tradition to go to Knott's Berry Farm each year.
- ◆ This year, we will add a few video tutorials to help the servers.
- ◆ We will also have a T-shirt design contest.



Altar Server Ministry

A great way to participate in the weekly mass consists in being an altar server at St. James Church. The members of the Ministry are the youngest active members of our Parish. Once in 4th grade, boys and girls have the possibility to help celebrating Mass. They can be servers until they are 18 years old.

This year, we have our mandatory introduction meetings for new and returning servers on Sunday October 5th, 2014 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and on Wednesday October 8th, 2014 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. You can choose to join at the date that works best for you. Returning servers can arrive at the meeting 30 minutes later (respectively at 4:30pm and 7:30pm). Parents and servers are invited. Both meetings will take place at the Parish Hall.

Our community needs your help!



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Frequently Asked Questions:

- **My child is very active in sports and our schedule on the weekend is quite hectic. Can we still participate?** A lot of the servers are involved in numerous activities. You give us your preferences and we schedule based on this information.
- **We can only go to Mass on Sunday at 6:30 am. Can we still join?** No problem, we also need servers for the early mass. We will plan accordingly.
- **During the summer, we are not available. Is that problematic?** That is ok. You will inform us of your availability and we will plan accordingly.
- **Is there a training to become an altar server?** Yes, each server will need to join 2 training sessions of 90 minutes each. The sessions take place at the Church.
- **How often does a server work?** You can expect your child to serve about once every month. Apart from the weekly masses, we also cover the special masses like Christmas, Easter, Confirmation...
- **What happens if we cannot make the time slot we received?** You have access to our database to send out a request for a substitute. So far, someone is always ready to help.

