

CROSS BEARER/CANDLE BEARER MINISTRY

Being a Cross Bearer/Candle Bearer is open to anyone from the age of eleven or twelve years old and older. Must be tall and strong enough to carry the Cross or Candle. Cross Bearers are needed at all Masses. A person who is scheduled to be a Cross Bearer would need to arrive 15 minutes before Mass. Cross Bearers are also asked to serve on Holy Day Masses at 5:30 p.m. During Lent and Advent, Cross Bearers may also serve as Candle Bearers to accompany the Cross Bearer during Holy Week and during Christmas Masses.

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ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The mission of the Art and Environment Ministry is to plan, design and implement an environment in and around our worship space, centered on the liturgical seasons of The Church year: Advent, Ordinary Time, Christmas, Lent, the Triduum, Easter and Pentecost--all to enhance the beautiful liturgies celebrated at our cathedral.

We are always open to new members and can find a spot for anyone interested in joining us. Creativity is not a requirement. We need volunteers who can climb ladders to hang greenery as well as help with watering plants and shining brass. Volunteer opportunities and meeting times are varied.

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SACRISTAN MINISTRY

The Sacristan has three main roles:

Security: Sacristans are responsible for assuring proper treatment of the Holy Species, namely that of the Sacred Blood and Blessed Sacrament during and after the celebration. The Sacristan is also responsible for keeping the Holy Tabernacle secure.

Mass set up and clean up: varies slightly depending on the individual mass time. At every mass, the Sacristan is responsible for setting up for both Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist which means preparing all the books, vessels, offertory, and incense when appropriate.

Mass Coordinator: Sacristan assists the celebrant with whatever details/duties he needs done. The Sacristan will check to make sure the altar servers are ready and in place as well as making sure the assigned Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are present and ready to serve.

The time commitment is a half hour before and a half hour after your mass time. That may vary depending on the particular mass you serve and how fast you work.

The only meeting requirements are when there are changes to the routine or when called for by the Sacristan Coordinator.

Requirements:

- **Be a fully initiated Catholic**
- **Be a registered parishioner**
- **Be approved by the Pastor**
- **Wish to serve God**

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CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC MINISTERS

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday morning Mass at 9:30 a.m. with an 8:45 a.m. warm-up. Additional commitments are Advent Lessons & Carols, Midnight Christmas Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Chrism Mass, Tenebrae Service, Ordinations, and occasional weddings. Choir season is September to June.

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LECTOR MINISTRY

Welcome! The Cathedral Lector Ministry invites all parishioners to share their voices with the congregation at the weekend Masses and Solemnities. In proclaiming the Word, the Lector Ministry is one of the representative groups of the congregation in the Liturgy. As a Ministry, we train each member to the nuances of the Cathedral Liturgy and work towards giving as clear a proclamation of the Word as possible.

The Lector Ministry requires one training session which lasts 45 minutes. Lectors proclaim the Word in consecutive weeks out of every eight or nine, depending on the number of lectors dedicated for each Mass. We welcome you to add your voice to our Ministry!

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MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

OPEN WIDE THE DOORS...

Ministers of hospitality are entrusted with fostering a sense of welcoming and belonging among those assembled at prayer. You are the first contact made with anyone who enters the Cathedral, and you represent the intent of the parish to welcome and embrace all who come to share prayer. Although functions such as taking up the collection and seating latecomers are important, your role challenges you to see in every person the face of our Lord. Yours is a direct service, often a physical one, as you open doors, smile a greeting, or lend assistance to those in need. You have the opportunity to be the hands of Christ to the living Body of Christ. Approach your ministry with diligent preparation, and do not be discouraged by those who ignore you or refuse your help. Be watchful for the ways in which you can help to foster the sense of unity among all who worship especially among those who are new or visiting our community. Most of all, by your very presence, be an example of the Christian love which identifies us and binds us together. Ministers of Hospitality are called to welcome in the Body of Christ as well as protecting the needs of the assembly members preparing themselves for worship.

As common prayer and ecclesial experience, liturgy flourished in a climate of hospitality: a situation in which people are comfortable with one another; either knowing or being introduced to one another; a space in which people are seated together, with mobility, in view of one another as well. (Environment and Art in Catholic Worship #11)

If you are interested in becoming a hospitality minister or need more information, please call Maggie Cyphers at 502/657-5222, Interim Coordinator of Weekend Hospitality Ministers.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion share responsibility for distributing the Eucharist at Masses on Saturdays/Sundays and weekdays. Ministers must be in full communion with the church. An Archdiocesan two 2- hour training class is required as well as Environment training.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are scheduled at their Mass of preference. Twice monthly or every other month.

- **Must be reliable**
- **Have a desire to serve**
- **New Ministers are needed and Welcomed!**

Training to become a NEW **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** will be held throughout the year.

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SERVER MINISTRY

A Great Privilege... Serving at the Altar

To serve the Assembly of the Faithful at the Table of the Lord is indeed a great privilege. Serving at the altar provides an opportunity to assist the Celebrant who serves the Assembly. Altar servers facilitate everyone's worship by making sure that sacred vessels are in place on the altar at the correct location, in time for the Canon of the Mass. We assist the Celebrant by washing his hands in preparation for the Eucharistic meal and by holding the Roman Missal from which he reads the opening and closing prayers. We participate in the entrance procession at the beginning of Mass and the exit procession of ministers at the end of Mass.

SERVING IS NOT DIFFICULT and guidance is provided in the form of written guidelines as well as personal rehearsal prior to first serving assignment, and experienced servers will be with you on your first time close to the Altar.

Please observe what the servers do during the liturgy, and imagine yourself joining in their efforts to facilitate our communal prayer. Ask yourself, in a moment of quiet prayer and discernment, if serving at the Altar is a ministry for which you are suited and which will give you great satisfaction. Talk to one or more of the servers who now minister to this special need at the altar and let them share with you what they receive for their service. **SERVERS ARE SORELY NEEDED** and your contributions will be valued greatly. Come join the invisible servants at the table.

To be eligible to be an altar server at the Cathedral of the Assumption, a parishioner must be in the seventh grade or higher, and must be confirmed.

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