Altar Server's Duties

CROSS BEARER

Faces Celebrant waiting for the Celebrant to nod his head to signal to start the precession.

Carriers the Crucifix at a slow steady pace toward the Altar, then will proceed to the left of the Altar to the Crucifix stand, places cross on the cross stand.

Walking with Prayer Hands to stand in front of kneeler.

Remain Standing for the Introductory Rites

Sit Down for the Liturgy of the Word

After the Prayer of the Faithful, proceed to get the cross.

Carry cross to center aisle, turn to Altar, then proceed to back of church.

Turn around, wait for Celebrant's or Deacon's signal to lead procession of Gifts back to Altar steps, then proceed to place cross into stand.

Walking with Prayer Hands back to pew and sit down.

At the Consecration the Sanctus Bells are rung.

- Watch when Celebrant's hands are extended over the Chalice and ring the Sanctus Bells once
- When Celebrant raises the Body of Christ, the Sanctus Bells are rung three separate and distinct times.
- When Celebrant raises the Precious Blood in Chalice, the Sanctus Bells are rung three separate and distinct times.

After Sign of Peace, remain in the pew to receive Communion with other parishioners.

After communion, return to altar. Standing with Prayer Hands you watch as the Celebrant or Deacon returns the Ciborium to the Tabernacle. When the Celebrant or Deacon closes the Tabernacle and kneels you will bow.

The 1st vessel purified, walk to the altar, pick up the vessel, bow, place the vessel on the left-side Credence (Mary) Table, and then return to the kneeler and kneel.

After the Celebrant gives the Final Blessing and Dismissal, and we begin the Hail Holy Queen Prayer, get the cross, walk and stand in front of the kneelers.

After all Prayers are completed, the Celebrant proceeds to the Altar, you will proceed to the center aisle, and face the altar.

When the Celebrant walks down the steps, turns, and bows toward the altar, you will turn, and at a slow steady pace, lead the procession out of the sanctuary.