

Altar Server Duties – CROSS BEARER

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Face Celebrant, waiting for the Celebrant to nod his head to signal the start of the procession.

Carry the Crucifix at a slow steady pace toward the Altar (do not bow head at the Altar), then proceed to the left of the Altar placing Crucifix on the Crucifix stand.

Walk with Prayer Hands to stand at the kneeler to right of the Sanctus Bells table if there are 3 servers present. When 5 servers are present, stand at the kneeler to the left of the Sanctus Bells table.

Remain standing for the Introductory Rites.

Sit down for the Liturgy of the Word, keeping your hands in “resting position” in your lap.

After the Prayers of the Faithful, proceed to get the Crucifix. Carry Crucifix to center aisle, turn to Altar, then proceed to back of church. Turn around and face the Altar. When Celebrant/Deacon begins walking down the steps off the Altar, lead the procession of Gifts back to Altar steps, then proceed to place Crucifix back into stand.

Walk with Prayer Hands to pew and sit down.

At the Consecration the Sanctus Bells are rung:

- When Celebrant’s hands are extended over the Chalice, 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, receive Communion with other parishioners. After priest returns to Altar after distributing communion, return to altar with 2 other servers. Stand with Prayer Hands and watch as the Celebrant or Deacon returns the Ciborium to the Tabernacle. When the Celebrant or Deacon closes the Tabernacle and kneels, bow with the other 2 servers. When the 1st vessel is purified, walk to the altar, pick up the vessel, bow, place the vessel on the Mary Credence Table, and then return with Prayer Hands to the kneeler and kneel.

After the Celebrant gives the Final Blessing and Dismissal, and we begin the Saint Michael Prayer, get the Crucifix, walk and stand in front of the Lector Pew. After the “Amen” at the end of the Saint Michael Prayer, proceed to the center aisle and face the altar. When the Celebrant bows/genuflects toward the altar and turns toward the congregation, turn, and walk at a slow steady pace leading the procession out of the sanctuary.