



*St. Ann's Parish* offers young Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith and become more active in the Mass by serving as Altar Servers. Altar Servers are young people who assist the priest during Mass. It is a great honor and privilege to serve at the Altar of our God as Pope John Paul II's indicated in his inspiring address to altar servers on August 1, 2001. In that address the Pope encourages altar servers to understand the responsibility they have in this service to the Church. He said, "The altar server has a privileged place in liturgical celebrations. Those who serve at Mass present themselves to a community. They experience from close at hand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgy . . . In the liturgy you are far more than mere "helpers of the parish priest". Above all, you are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest."

While assisting at the weekend Masses and other liturgical celebrations, it is important that servers be active participants in the liturgy that they listen, sing, and pray with the entire assembly. Boys and girls who have received first communion, are invited to become Altar Servers. Usually grade 3 and higher.

We also appreciate adults who would like to become more active in the Mass and would like to assist the priest by serving as an Altar Server especially during other liturgical celebrations which may take place during the day.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please fill out the registration form, and send it back to the parish. You may place it in the collection plate, hand it in at the Parish Office, or to Father. You must be at least in grade three or higher. Adults are also welcome to become altar servers.

If you are in grade eight and will be attending high school or currently attending high school, you may receive Community Service hours towards your graduation requirements. Please feel free to contact the parish office with any questions or concerns.