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Father's Corner

Sacristans

Earlene Clayton and Velma Clark are called Sacristans. They help the priest and deacons by preparing the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place for the start of the mass.

Sacristans prepare and help the altar servers perform their basic duties before and during the mass. As other ministries, the ministry of server requires individuals to be trained by the priest, so they can conduct themselves appropriately.

Servers

The server is a member of the assembly, who assists the priest and deacons during the Eucharist. The server must have received the sacraments of baptism and first communion. The servers carry the cross and processional candles. They hold the book for the priest when he is not at the altar. They carry the incense and censer during special mass. They assist during the preparation of the gifts and assists the priest when he receives the gifts. Servers wash the hands of the priest and assists the priest and deacons as necessary. The number of servers needed varies by the nature of the celebration. Servers should arrive 15 minutes before mass for instructions. Serving the church is a special privilege.

Forms are in the back of the church for all interested in being an altar server.