

What Are The Opportunities?

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 and deacon during Mass.

When you **serve the priests and deacons**, you **serve the people of God**, and above all, you **serve Christ**. As an Altar Server, you are involved in the holiest and most sacred event in our tradition of Catholic worship. Other than priests and deacons, no one else is allowed to so closely play a part in.



Diocese of Honolulu Mission Statement:

To give WITNESS TO JESUS!

St. Joseph Church Mission Statement:

St. Joseph Church Parish is a faith community in Makawao, Maui. We are dedicated to the call of God, to support the Diocese of Honolulu in its mission, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to commit and make Jesus present in our lives.

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St. Joseph Church Ministry of

ALTAR SERVERS



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ministry please contact:*

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What Is An Altar Server?

- An Apostle of Jesus!
- A witness to all the congregation...
 - ◊ With your gestures
 - ◊ In the responses
- Felt a personal calling to service.
- When you help the deacons and priests, you serve the people of God
 - ◊ You do it because you love Jesus.
- You are a person that is familiar with the Mass.
 - ◊ The order of the Mass
 - ◊ The prayers of the Mass
 - ◊ The proper postures and responses during the Mass
- You are skilled with the “tools of the trade”
 - ◊ Matches, candles, candle lighters, books, sacred vessels, incense, etc...

Who Can Join And Requirements For Altar Servers?

- Servers’ families must be registered members of the parish.
- Servers must actively practice the Catholic faith and should regularly receive Communion (not only when you are assigned to serve).
- Servers must have received their First Holy Communion.
- Servers should be currently participating in the church Religious Education program or parish Faith Formation.
- Must be able to serve on a rotational schedule.

Altar Servers Duties

- Assist priest with his vestments
- Lighting candles
- Carrying the books used at Mass
- Carries the crucifix during the entrance procession/recessional
- Helps with the incense
- Ringing bells
- Saying prayers
- Help service move smoothly

General Conduct

- Come to Mass prepared to meet the Lord at the Eucharist.
- Should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often.
- Conduct always professionally and reverently.
- Respect the sanctity of the church and the sacred vessels.

When Do We Meet?

Two or three times a year or as needed.

