

RESPECTFUL DRESS AT SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES

ALTAR SERVERS

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The Eucharist is central to the worship of the Church. As ministers at the Eucharist we have to show this centrality and importance in how we dress. Therefore, I would like to have you consider the following guidelines when you come to minister as an altar server.

- 1) You should dress properly for the Banquet of the Lord. It is not a laid-back affair like a picnic. No matter what the weather is, your dress should speak of your respect for what you are doing in the presence of the Lord and the People of God. Casual is not what is called for at mass.**
- 2) Because you wear albs then come wearing light (not heavy) clothing.**
- 3) Your shirt is to be plain colored....no printing on the shirts. Since the Albs fit tightly around the neck it is best to have a shirt without a collar. Polo's are still a good choice.**
- 4) It does not look good to have your legs showing from under the alb when you walk. Therefore, if you are a boy, you are to wear long dress pants. Girls are allowed to wear dresses or skirts.**
- 5) Shoes: It is preferred that you wear darker colored dress shoes. But if you wear tennis shoes they are to be clean and good looking—not your old grubby ones. Boys are not to wear sandals; girls can but the heel part has to be fastened—in other words not flip-flops or similar. Another way to approach this...if the sandal makes a clicking/slapping sound as you walk....it is not a good choice.**

ARRIVAL TIME

Taking responsibility for your serving assignment is clearly something that I as the priest depend on. I am depending on you. Coming at your assigned time and ON TIME allows for a calm beginning to the mass...not a hurried and scrambled time.

You are to be dressed and ready to go 10 minutes before mass begins. This gives you time to get the alb on—which is more involved than the old ones--and time to light the candles. Arrival time allows Father to get other servers because if you are not in the sacristy 10 minutes before mass time...we will begin looking for other servers.