



## ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION

Dear Prospective Altar Server and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Altar Server Ministry at Holy Family Catholic Community. The ministry of an altar server is essential to our Eucharistic celebration. It is also beneficial for the server in a number of ways. It is an opportunity for our youth to grow closer to Christ and to live Christ's commandment of serving others. Through this ministry, a server will come to build his/her self-esteem because of the role he/she plays in helping the community experience a prayerful celebration. Most important, the dedication and faithfulness of the server will result in an outpouring of blessings to the server brought forth from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The youth that participates as an altar server will come to a better understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and they will get to appreciate it more through their increased involvement in the liturgy. The experience will also develop the server's leadership qualities and teamwork.

Altar servers must:

- be in grades 5 through 12
- be a baptized Catholic
- have received their First Holy Communion and must be willing to serve in this capacity.

Candidates must be able to attend the following:

**TRAINING: Friday, October 13, 2016** – Beginning with the 4:00PM at the Parish Office located at 209 E. Lomita Avenue. We will then attend the 5:30PM mass at the Church. **This training will end around 8:00PM.** Please arrive at least 15 minutes before mass. Dinner will be provided after the mass.

**TRAINING: Saturday, October 14, 2016** – Beginning with the 8:00AM mass at the Church. Parents/Guardians must attend the parent meeting from 8:30AM to 9:30AM in the Grade School Auditorium. We will then continue with the rest of general meeting with the other Altar Servers. Please arrive at 5 minutes before mass. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the candidates. **The training will end around 2:30PM.**

**ASSESSMENT: TBA** – Each candidate will be assigned a specific "time slot" to be interviewed and assessed one-on-one. Each student will choose their own assessment time. You will also receive a take-home assessment after the training that is separate from this one-on-one interview.

**SHADOW PROGRAM: Month of November** – Each server will be assigned three - four masses to shadow in this time period with their peer mentors and other experienced servers.

Altar Servers are expected to be scheduled up to three or four masses a month. Holy Family Grade School students will be assigned to serve at the 8:00 am and 5:30 pm weekday Masses in addition to the weekend Masses. Grade School students that attend school outside Holy Family will be assigned to serve weekday 5:30 pm masses in addition to the weekend masses. High School students will only be assigned weekend masses. It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to bring the server to Mass and/or assemblies and ensure that the student is picked up.

Each altar server will select the one weekend Mass time (depends on availability) that he/she would like to be scheduled. Please fill out the attached form and return via the HFGS school envelope or to the parish office ***by Wednesday, October 11, 2017.***

For inquiries, please send an email to [HolyFamilyAltarServers@aol.com](mailto:HolyFamilyAltarServers@aol.com).

Yours in Christ,

Eldrin Masangkay, Ministry Director

Father Jim Bevacqua, Pastor



## ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION FORM

<b>Student's Name:</b>	
<b>Grade:</b>	
<b>School:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>	
<b>Main Contact Name</b>	
<b>Main Contact Number</b>	
	<b>TEXT OK? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>
<b>Main Email Address:</b>	

- Is your child baptized in the Catholic Church?       YES     NO
- Has your child received his/her first communion?     YES     NO
- Does your child have any special educational needs?  YES     NO
- Does your child suffer from a medical condition?     YES     NO
- Holy Family Grade School Student?                     YES     NO
- Will you be able to attend both training dates?       YES     NO

Signature of Parent/Guardian validating the above questions:

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this, you also consent for the child's image/voice to be used in the Church's educational or promotional materials.**

**Please indicate which weekend Mass you would like to be scheduled for (pls. circle 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference).**

- Saturday 5:30pm – (1<sup>st</sup> preference / 2<sup>nd</sup> preference/3<sup>rd</sup> preference)
- 8:00am Sunday - (1<sup>st</sup> preference / 2<sup>nd</sup> preference/3<sup>rd</sup> preference)
- 11:00am Sunday - (1<sup>st</sup> preference / 2<sup>nd</sup> preference/3<sup>rd</sup> preference)
- 12:30pm Sunday Spanish (all servers welcome) - (1<sup>st</sup> preference / 2<sup>nd</sup> preference/3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 5:30pm Sunday - (1<sup>st</sup> preference / 2<sup>nd</sup> preference/3<sup>rd</sup> preference)

**NOTE: The 9:30 Sunday mass will not be assigned to new servers.**

**The 11:00am Sunday Mass will be capped as well to only one or two new servers.**

Please complete the form and questionnaire and then return via HFGS office, family envelope, Holy Family Parish Office, or scanned/picture taken emailed to [holyfamilyaltarservers@aol.com](mailto:holyfamilyaltarservers@aol.com) by **Wednesday October 11, 2017.**