

Knights of the Altar Rules and Expectations

The Knights of the Altar perform a very important ministry in the Sacred Liturgy which helps our faithful within our parishes to worship God through their dedicated service. Choosing to be a Knight of the Altar means taking responsibility and requires a sincere commitment. You should consider this ministry, ***only if*** you are serious about committing fully and wholeheartedly to the expectations that apply in becoming a Knight of the Altar. ***Your signature indicates your agreement to these expectations.***

1. Knights of the Altar are expected to be available for regularly scheduled training sessions and organizational activities. Knights are expected to learn proper names of vessels and other items used during Mass.
2. Knights of the Altar are expected to be vested in Alb & cincture in the sacristy at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.
3. Knights of the Altar are expected to sign in when they serve, then check with the Sacristan, Deacon or Priest to see what needs to be done to prepare for Mass.
4. Knights of the Altar are expected to fulfill their assigned times to serve.
5. Knights of the Altar are expected to find their own replacement at Mass if they are prevented from serving for a serious reason (a list of Knights of the Altar will be provided).
6. Knights of the Altar are expected to dress modestly and appropriately at all Masses, even when not scheduled to serve. Only **black or brown** enclosed shoes are to be worn while serving in the Sanctuary/Altar.
7. Knights of the Altar are expected to return their vestments to the wardrobe and hung properly and neatly after Mass.
8. Knights of the Altar are expected to pay attention to the Priest and Deacon during Mass. Knights are expected to sit properly/upright while in their seat, no slouching of any kind. No resting of heads against walls.
9. Knights of the Altar are expected to participate fully and actively in the Sacred Liturgy; they should know and say the appropriate prayers and responses throughout the Mass.

10. Knights are expected at all times to show reverence and respect. Servants are required to have hands folded in prayer (upright not downward) when not directly assisting in the Sanctuary. Knights are expected to genuflect properly at all times, especially while in the Sanctuary.
11. Knights of the Altar are expected to serve at funerals and weddings when required.