



Altar Server Commitment Form

Dear Parents:

We are inviting your child to accept the honor and privilege of becoming an Altar Server for Divine Mercy Catholic Church. By completing this form, your child recognizes the tremendous privilege of being asked to serve at the Altar of the Lord, and you agree to support them in carrying out their duties as an Altar Server. As parents, you also recognize the importance of arranging your schedule so that your child will be available to serve on the predetermined dates and times for Mass. *All children in fourth grade or above are eligible to be an Altar Server.*

(Initials here) _____ Yes, my child would like to make a commitment as an Altar Server at Divine Mercy Parish and has my permission to serve in this ministry. I understand that Fr. Luis Rodriguez, Fr. Luis Duarte and/or the parish deacons will conduct all practices/meetings and the priests will create teams and schedules and communicate them to me via email.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Name(s) of Sibling(s) who are Active Altar Servers: _____

Siblings will be placed on the same teams unless otherwise requested by parent/guardian.

What Mass times are you available to serve? **Please check all that apply.**

_____ Saturday 4:00 PM

_____ Sunday 8:30 AM

_____ Sunday 10:30 AM

_____ Sunday 12:30 PM (Español / Spanish)

_____ Sunday 5:00 PM

_____ Special Liturgies when needed (Holy Week, Christmas, Holy Days of Obligation). **Please note that we will try our best to meet individual preferences when creating the teams' schedule.**

Altar Server Expectations

1. Follow the preprinted schedule and attend all scheduled Masses. If a server cannot attend a Mass for which they are assigned, then parents are to make a responsible and reasonable effort to find a substitute.
2. Report to the church's sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins.
3. Sign in when you serve so that an accurate attendance record may be maintained.
4. Dress appropriately for Mass in accordance with the set guidelines.
5. Pay close attention to the Priest and Deacon during Mass so that you can carry out your duties well.
6. Participate well by saying the appropriate responses throughout the Mass.
7. Hang up your vestments after Mass.
8. You must attend the two training sessions held annually.

We understand that the commitment to be an Altar Server means serving at a variety of liturgical celebrations. We commit to this ministry freely. We understand its impact on our family schedule. We promise to help our altar server follow the guidelines and expectations, and to meet their obligations responsibly. We recognize that numerous absences may result in my child being removed from the schedule.

Your signature indicates your agreement to these expectations.

Signature of Altar Server

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date