

Liturgical Ministries:

Called to *Serve*

in All Saints Parish

WHEN GOD CREATED YOU, HE HAD A PURPOSE IN MIND FOR YOU!

He wants you to find out what that purpose is and what act of love He is expecting from you! What is your role in the world and in our parish of All Saints? Becoming involved in the parish Liturgical Ministries in one way that you can express that love within, and for, our community! As a Liturgical Ministry volunteer you have the opportunity to explore and experience God's call in your life!



Liturgical Ministries are those which support the celebration of our weekend Masses. **These ministries include Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Music Ministers.** Each of these ministries has unique qualities - they may seem unconnected but they all work together to allow our community to celebrate the Mass more fully!

Many of the volunteers who have served in our Liturgical Ministries are aging and are finding active ministry is becoming more difficult for them. **Our parish is in need of new volunteers to come forward and serve the People of God!** Who can serve? **Any Catholic who has been Confirmed** is eligible to serve in Liturgical Ministry! Non-Catholics can also serve in some Liturgical Ministries. **Our parish encourages families to make active ministry a family activity** – maybe a mother/son lector team or father and daughter serving as Eucharistic Ministers.



Of course training will be provided for all new volunteers! As well, All Saints Parish has a responsibility to protect all members of the parish and so all volunteers are required to sign an **Agreement to the Model Code of Conduct** and complete a **Volunteer Information Form.**



What does the time commitment for these ministries look like? That is up to you! Even if you are able to volunteer once per month at the Mass you normally attend on the weekend, we would be happy to accept that gift of your time and service! See the back of this sheet for more information on each Ministry!



Are you ready to share your time and talents with All Saints Parish? Do you have questions about Liturgical Ministry? Please call All Saints Parish office at **403-327-8931** and ask for Laura to find out more or to sign up to become a Liturgical Minister and start your journey of discovery to find God's purpose in your life!

Liturgical Ministries: *Here is what they look like and what we need!*



Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are responsible for assisting priests and deacons, who are the Ordinary Ministers, in distributing Communion at Saturday evening or Sunday Mass when needed. This gift of bringing Jesus to the people of God begins with a humble willingness to be a servant, and share the gift with others!

Time Commitment: 2 hours when scheduled – includes time before Mass to pray and prepare and time after Mass to assist with purifying vessels and cleanup. **We need 10 more Eucharistic Ministers at Assumption and 16 more at St. Basil's.**



Hospitality (Greeter) Ministry: The role of a Hospitality Minister is to welcome the people arriving at the church as God would – warmly, openly and with love. In this way the people of God are encouraged to participate in the Mass and feel a part of our community of All Saints! This ministry is perfect for families who would like to serve together or for those who are not sure yet where they would like to serve. It is also a great way to get to know the community!

Time Commitment: 1 ½ hours when scheduled – need to come ½ hour before Mass begins to greet people. **We need 7 more Greeters at Assumption and 5 more at St. Basil's.**



Lector: Lectors give voice to the Word of God and therefore must understand that the Lord is active and present to the community through the Word that they proclaim! The community needs to hear the Word proclaimed clearly and with conviction, and respond to the Word, not only during the Mass, but must also take the Word out of the church and to the world.

Time Commitment: Each Lector needs to make time to prepare during the week prior to serving by reading and reflecting on the readings for the upcoming Mass. Lector workbooks are available to assist with this. **We need 10 more Lectors at Assumption and 14 more at St. Basil's.**



Ushers: Ushers welcome the people of God warmly, openly and with love inside the church. They help them to feel comfortable in participating in the Mass and feel welcome in the community. Ushers also are responsible for taking up the collection(s).

Time Commitment: 1 ½ hours when scheduled – Ushers need to come ½ hour before Mass begins so that they can welcome and assist the people of God. **We need 10 more Ushers at Assumption and 6 more at St. Basil's.**



Sacristans: The Ministry of being a Sacristan is to prepare the church and set up the altar for Mass. Sacristans prepare the bread and wine for Mass, set out the vessels and liturgical books. They also ensure that the doors are unlocked before Mass, that the lights are on and that the Liturgical Ministers are present to serve the community. After Mass they ensure that everything is put away, the lights are off and the doors are locked. A reverent respect for the sanctuary and all the articles needed for the Mass is important.

Time Commitment: 2 ½ to 3 hours when scheduled (more time at Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter). Sacristans need to come to the church at least 1 hour before Mass begins and stay ½ hour after Mass ends. **We need 6 more Sacristans at Assumption and 10 more at St. Basil's.**



Music Ministry: The Music Ministry offers a unique opportunity for sharing God's gift of music with the community. This ministry is meant to enhance the Liturgy, to help the people of God pray more easily, to bring God's Word alive in our hearts and to give voice to our love and devotion to our Lord! It is a ministry of leadership but not one of performing. Musical background is helpful but not required – just a willingness to learn and share is needed.

Time Commitment: 2 hours for each Mass when serving plus scheduled practices. Music Ministers need to come 1 hour before Mass begins to warm up their voices and prepare themselves for Mass.