

Ministry Opportunities

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server

Boys and girls, who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, serve Jesus at Holy Mass. They firstly lead the congregation in praying by their reverence in the sanctuary and secondly assist the priest. Servers are required to attend occasional training sessions. Adults are welcome too!

Time Commitment: 1 – 2 hours when you serve (approximately once or twice per month)

Prerequisite: Celebrated your First Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Assist the priest at Communion time so that the faithful can receive the Lord's Body and Blood. In addition, they ensure that all the sacred vessels of the Holy Mass are cleaned and properly stored.

Time Commitment: 2 hours when you serve at Saturday or Sunday Mass (includes time for prayer and preparation ahead of Mass, and purifying vessels and cleanup after Mass)

Prerequisite: Celebrated Confirmation; youth who have celebrated Confirmation with special consideration by the pastor; ages 18+ as appointed by pastor

Hospitality

Hospitality Ministers provide a warm welcome and hospitable atmosphere upon arrival to the Masses. They also assist parishioners to their seats as needed, aid in the collection of the offertory gifts, and help in the distribution of parish bulletins.

Time Commitment: 1 hour when you serve

Lectors

The Lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel.

They also serve as commentators and announcing the intentions for the general intercessions.

Time Commitment: Prepare ahead of time by reading and reflecting on the readings for the week you are proclaiming, and seeking to understand their meanings

Music Ministry

The musical traditions of the Universal Church are a treasure of inestimable value for the celebration of Sacred Liturgy. In combination with sacred music and words, it forms an integral part of the Sacred Liturgy. Therefore, sacred music is to be considered the more holy, the more closely connected it is with liturgical action. Pianists, other instrumentalists, vocalists, and cantors needed.

Time Commitment: 2 hours including practices

Sacristans

The sacristan is at the church half an hour before Mass to prepare the church and set up the altar for Mass. Sacristans prepare the bread & wine for the Mass, set out the vessels, liturgical books and prepare the altar space. They ensure that the doors are open, the ministers are in place, the table is set and all is ready for our Liturgy. At the end of Mass they ensure everything is put away, the lights are off and the doors are locked. The sacristan must have a reverent respect for the sanctuary and for all articles and sacred vessels used in the Mass.

Time Commitment: Average 2 hours when scheduled with extra time at Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter

Prerequisite: Must be 18 or older; must have some knowledge of the sacred vessels

OTHER MINISTRIES

Altar Linens

Members launder and iron all the sacred linens from the Holy Mass. Training is provided for the special care the linens need before they can be washed and directions for folding/ironing.

Time Commitment: Average 1-2 hours during the weeks that you are available

Marriage Preparation Hosts

A Marriage Preparation host works with the Marriage Preparation Coordinator around a weekend Marriage Preparation course put on by the Lethbridge Pastoral Zone. This would involve helping with set up, clean up, making coffee and putting out snacks.

Time Commitment: 1 - 3 weekends per year

Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couple

Married couples have the opportunity to be a sponsor couple for couples who are newly engaged and plan to get married in our parish. This involves you and your spouse meeting with the engaged couple and working through the For Better and For Ever marriage preparation books.

Time Commitment: 5-6 informal visits arranged around your schedule

Prerequisite: Married for a minimum of 5 years

Office Volunteers

Share your skills by helping in the Parish office with phones, walk-ins, and special projects.

Time Commitment: Variable

Prerequisite: Must be 18 or older

Pastoral Care/Communion Visits

Pastoral Care volunteers are part of a coordinated ministry of the parish to visit and bring the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion to those who are ill, housebound, or living in residential care facilities. As well, we schedule monthly Masses, Communion services and Anointing (Sacrament of

the Sick) for those in nursing homes and lodges.

Time Commitment: Variable; 2 hours per month

Prayer Vigil Leaders

“Bury the dead” is one of the corporal works of mercy. Our lay prayer leaders serve at the funeral prayer vigil services. There is special training and support for this ministry.

Time Commitment: The occasional weekday or Saturday, whenever a funeral arises

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This international Catholic lay organization was founded in 1833 for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. Members can answer phone calls, pick up donations, and distribute items to those in need. Members bring the love of Christ to serve the poor on a person-to-person basis. Those in need are always treated with dignity and provided with support as they struggle in crisis situations.

Time Commitment: As little as 1 hour per month; could be up to several hours

Prerequisite: Must be registered with the parish for at least one year; must be known to the parish

Youth Groups

Our youth groups invite children and teens to grow in their faith, learn more about the Catholic church, her teachings, and the love of God through games, skits, activities, lessons, crafts, and talks. Volunteers will be role models to children and youth, encourage participation, lead, and participate in games and talks and much more.

Time Commitment: Variable

Prerequisite: Must be registered with the parish for at least one year



Your Information

Adult Child Under 10 Youth 10 to 17

First and Last Name

Address

City

Prov

Postal Code

Phone

Email

I would like more information about the following:

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Eucharistic Minister

Hospitality Minister

Lector

Music Ministry

Sacristan

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