

*Church of Saint Margaret of Antioch  
Pearl River*

**Altar Server—2016**

Altar servers are most important in the life of the Church. You serve Christ in a special way. Of all the ministries, you stand closest to the Lord while serving the Mass. Therefore, you need to prepare, be very reverent and respectful on the altar. You help lead people to pray. Everyone sees what you do. So the way you hold your hands, walk about the Sanctuary, prayer is very important. There will be missalettes on your seats, please use them and follow along the prayers and readings of the Mass.

Thank you for serving our parish, God's House in such an important way. We need you and thank you for your dedicated service.

**We have changed a few ways of serving. Please read carefully below.**

Arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass

Black shoes or sneakers, no open toe shoes, or other colored sneakers or shoes

**Girls:** Wear white alb to serve,  
Color cincture of the day  
Grades 4-7<sup>th</sup> : red scapular  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade and high school: Black scapular

**Boys:** Grades 4-7<sup>th</sup> red cassocks and surplices  
Grade 8/ high school: Black cassocks and white surplices.

In the following instructions the Cross bearer=CRB/book bearer  
Candle bearers=CB

Line up and be ready 5 minutes before Mass

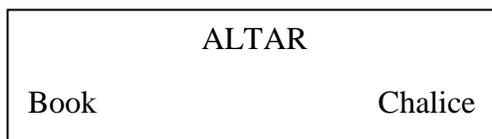
1. Walk down aisle slowly, Cross held high
2. Bow to altar, except cross bearer
3. Cross bearer places cross in its spot
4. Candle bearers place candle in holder, the CB on the right side sits on the side where candle is place
5. Cross/bearer sits on cross side

## GOSPEL PROCESSION

After the second reading, when the people respond: THANKS BE TO GOD, CBs gets candles and stand in front of altar for the Gospel Procession, and wait for priest to get Gospel Book and go over to pulpit and stand facing each other. Do not bless yourself when others do. After the words, **the Gospel of the Lord**, return the candles.

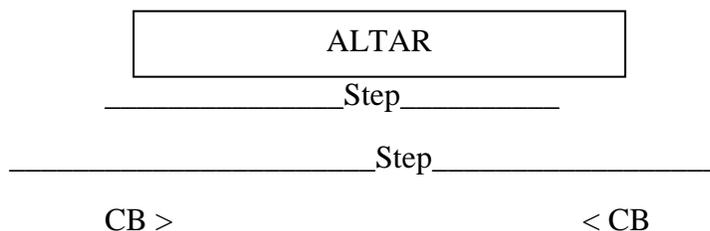
## OFFERTORY

Offertory: after the Universal Prayer is finished. CRB gets **book** with stand and places it on the altar, on **left side**. The CRB brings over the **Chalice** with veil on it place it on **right side** of altar, and any other ciboria on the credence table. Sit back down. When the collection is almost finished,



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The CB get candles go down to the back of Church near the offertory table, and lead the people up to the priest. When you get to the front of the altar step, stop and face each other.



The cross bearer goes with the priest to bring back the wine cruet. Places it on the side table.

CB put candles back and goes over to bring the priest the wine and water immediately. Take out the tops and place them on the table. Handles of the cruets face the priest. Stay together and go back together. Meanwhile, the cross bearer gets ready to wash the hands of the priest.

The CRB goes back to the right side. Gets ready for the bells. 3 rings, at the Consecration.

Sign of peace, all three go over the left side to receive Holy Communion. During the sign of peace, the book bearer brings back the book and stand to the back table.

After communion Left CB brings the water cruet to the priest. The other server helps to clear off the altar.

The book bearer waits and when the priest says **Let us pray**, bring the book for the final prayer.

After the blessings, get the cross and candles go to the fourth pew and turn and face the altar waiting for the priest, when he bows you bow, except the CR B. Turn and walk down the aisle slowly.

Make sure you hang up your vestments and sign in the book. Thank you for serving Mass.