

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

1. **Arrive** at Mass 10 minutes early, put on white alb.
2. **Carry the Cross (and Candles)** into the church. Whenever three servers are available, also carry candles.
3. **Hold the Missal**
At the beginning of Mass hold the Missal for the priest when he says, "Let us pray."
4. **Carry the Candles**
After the first two readings, when people stand and sing, go to the ambo and pick up the candles. Lead the priest or deacon with the book of Gospels around the front of the altar and back to the ambo. Stand with the candles next to the ambo while the priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel.
5. **Bring Items to Altar**
After the *Prayers of the Faithful*, bring to the altar: gold chalice, water cruet, wine goblets (at the school mass, do not bring the wine goblets). Do not bring the gold bowls to the altar yet.
6. **Receive the gifts**
Go forward with the priest or deacon to receive the gifts of bread and wine and the red intention book. Bring bread and wine to altar and red intention book to credence table.
7. **Water Bowl and Towel**
Bring Water Bowl and Towel to Priest to wash his hands.
8. **Kneel**
The congregation will kneel after singing the *Holy Holy*. Kneel when they kneel. Then stand up after

the singing of the *Amen* when the congregation stands.

9. **Ring Bells**
When the priest extends his hands over the Bread and wine, ring once.
Then ring 3 times in quick succession when he holds up the host, and again when he holds up the chalice.
10. **Bring Gold Bowls to Altar**
During the sign of peace, bring the gold j bowls to the left side of the altar.
11. **Help Clean the Altar**
At the end of Communion take items that priests puts on the side of the altar and return them to the credence table.
12. **Hold the Missal**
After Communion hold the Missal for the priest when he says, "Let us Pray."
13. **Carry the Cross (and Candles)**
At the end of Mass process out of the church with the cross (if candles were carried into the church, also carry the candles out)
14. **Before you leave**
Before you leave, please check in with the priest to see if he has any suggestions for you and to say good-bye.



When to genuflect and when to kneel: If you are not carrying anything, such as a cross or a candle, genuflect when you first come in to the church in the opening procession, and again when you process out of the church. During the Mass, the focus is on the altar, so instead of genuflecting you can bow to the altar when you walk past it.

St. Pius X Church relies on youth servers to perform many of the parts of the mass.

To be a server, you must be able to serve at least one mass per month (Saturday 5:00 pm or Spanish 7:00 pm, or Sunday 7:30 am, 8:45 am, or 11:00 am, or Spanish 1:00 pm. A different system is used for the two evening masses.)

Servers from St. Pius X School can be selected to serve at the school masses if they also serve at the weekend masses.

To be trained as a server, please fill out the online registration form.

Please check in the Sacristy when you come to Weekend Masses

Our ideal for the weekend masses is to have three or four youth serving. Please when you come to a Saturday evening or a Sunday morning mass check in the sacristy to see if more youth are needed for that Mass. Sometimes a total of three youth have not signed up or shown up.

How to sign up for Masses

You will be given a website link to where you can sign up for masses. Please try to sign up for at least two masses each month. Currently we do not always have enough youth serving at all of the masses.

Directions for how to serve

To learn how to serve, attend a training session. Also visit our website (<http://www.stpius.org/#!youth-servers/cglg>) and read “Youth Servers – Long Instructions.pdf” and “Items in Church.pdf.”

How to contact the church

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