

March 2022 to June 2022

Greetings Altar Servers and Parents,

Welcome to Lent, a time to prepare, reflect, and renew! The Risen Lord is coming! **Please read this schedule thoroughly and carefully.** There are **numerous special Masses/services** throughout this Lenten and Easter season. Due to the limited number of altar server families, you may be assigned to masses other than your preferred time. **Be extra diligent and highlight your assigned dates on your calendars.** Also, we kindly ask that when you attend mass and you are not assigned, please check with the senior server and volunteer to serve if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to our new altar server:

***Benjamin Locke**

Congratulations to our graduating servers:

***Sam Elsen**

***John Mayers**



Sam and John have each faithfully offered 8 years of service to Our Lord and His Priests at St. John's. They have been a true blessing to the server ministry. Best wishes for a bright future!

I would like to extend a deeply heartfelt **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you who participate in this altar server ministry. It has been an honor and blessing to work with all of you over the past 9 years. I am excited to welcome Erin Rogers who will be taking over the altar server scheduling starting with next quarter in June.

NOTES:

- **Palm Sunday (4/10)** and **Easter morning (4/17)** Masses will start at **7 a.m.**
- For all **Palm Sunday (4/10)**, **Holy Thursday (4/14)**, **Easter Vigil (4/16)**, and **Easter Day (4/17)** Masses, please arrive **25 minutes BEFORE** Mass begins.
- If you are scheduled for Mass in the Historic Church, three albs are there in the vesting room.
- St. John the Baptist Altar Servers have a webpage on the church website. You will be able to read this cover letter, check the schedule, and review the cue cards. Please visit – <http://www.sjbnf.org/altarservers>
- Also available on the webpage are Altar Server resources: Server Instructions and Order of Mass, Diagrams, Thurifer Instructions, Prayers, Glossary of Terms, and much more! Check it out!!!

SCHEDULE TIPS:

- Find your name and highlight it on all of the pages of the schedule. If you are reading a digital copy, it may be helpful to print your own hard copy. Check **ALL** Mass times since you could be scheduled for Masses your family does not usually attend.
- **LOOK AHEAD AND CHECK THE DATES** by your name with your family to be sure you can serve at those Masses/Services, and then put them on your family calendar.

- If you have a conflict, **call or email someone as soon as possible** and make arrangements for a sub by using the Altar Server Contact List. **ONLY contact servers with a ranking level equal to or “less” than your altar server ranking number.** Be sure to call at least 24 hours in advance! Be generous when someone asks you to sub for them.
- If there is an X marked for a particular Mass, that server is unavailable for that date.
- **Responsibility for your attendance is vital in this ministry.** Your service at Mass is valuable to keep the Liturgy running smoothly.
- Give yourself credit for your hard work by making SURE TO **SIGN IN BEFORE MASS!!!**
- We need everyone to help out with the 7:30 masses due to the limited number of altar server families who normally attend these masses. You may be assigned to one of these masses based on need so check the schedule carefully.
- Arrive at least 20 minutes **BEFORE** Mass begins.
- The next schedule, beginning with June 11, 2022, will be available the first week of June.

As always, servers, keep up the good work at Mass. Get to Mass early every week so you have time to sit quietly with the Lord. Each time you arrive before Mass, check in the sacristy to be sure there are enough altar servers. On rare occasions, an altar server might miss Mass due to illness and not have time to call a sub. Please help out, if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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