

Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener Servers Guild Member

At St. John's, our various ministries support our intention to be a faithful and thriving community.

Connecting individuals and ministries is an act of mutual discernment – you may wonder which ministry is the best fit for you at this time, and the community may recognize gifts in you and encourage you to share them as we seek to be a thriving community.

The community also has some expectations for ministries. Knowing these expectations can help you and the community discern which ministry makes sense for you at this time. Some ministries also include a trial time to assist further in this discernment.

How does this ministry contribute to living as a faithful and thriving community and your life of discipleship?

Service at the altar is an essential part of our liturgical ministry. Servers assist the priest throughout the service, but particularly during the Eucharist.

It is a privilege to represent the congregation at the altar and in procession and this ministry provides a depth of participation in the liturgy.

This ministry provides valuable support to the worshipping community and can enhance our common worship. It also provides an opportunity to learn more about our worship practices and why we do what we do.

What gifts and skills are helpful for this role?

- Communicant member of the parish
- Interest in taking on some liturgical responsibilities
- Ability to be responsible, focused, and demonstrate appropriate liturgical presence
- Able to work as part of a team and be supportive

What to expect:

- New servers will receive training and be fitted with an alb and cincture for use when serving.
- Servers are expected to arrive 30 minutes early for the services for which they are scheduled.
- Servers are scheduled for Sunday morning worship plus additional services, e.g., during Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter.

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Member Responsibilities:

- Arrive 30 minutes before the service.
- Vest in alb and cincture.
- Perform pre-service duties assigned by clergy (e.g., light candles)
- Lead processions
- Assist presider with altar preparations
- Extinguish candles

Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Provide orientation and training for new members, including expectations for length of initial commitment.
- Provide ongoing support for members, including checking in on their willingness and ability to continue in this role.
- Create a schedule and communicate it to members and the Parish Administrator.

Accountability: To the Rector