

March 2020 to June 2020

Greetings Altar Servers and Parents,

Welcome to Lent, our season of renewal and hope! Prepare for the Risen Lord is coming! **Please read this schedule thoroughly and carefully.** There are **numerous special Masses/services**, which are detailed on the last **four** pages of this schedule, throughout this Lenten and Easter season. **Be extra diligent and highlight your assigned dates on your calendars.** If you have any questions, please contact me. Also, if your contact information has changed, please alert me as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to our new altar servers:

*** Olivia Harrison**

*** Luke Manfredi**



- **Palm Sunday (4/5) and Easter morning (4/12)** Masses will start at **7 a.m.**
- For all **Palm Sunday (4/5), Holy Thursday (4/9), Easter Vigil (4/11), and Easter Day (4/12)** 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 and check the schedule.
 - Go to the church website – <http://www.sjbnf.org/>, click on “Ministries”, and then click “Altar Server”.
- 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!!!
- Plus, cue cards are available on the table in the vesting room to refresh your memory.

SENIOR SERVERS AND MISSAL SERVERS:

- There is no “Gloria” during masses in Lent – except Feast of St. Joseph (3/19) and Holy Thursday (4/9).
- For Fr. Yohe: Remain in front of him with the missal from the beginning of Mass (i.e. Introductory Rites) through the Collect Prayer.
- For Fr. Ben: Pick up and open the missal to the green ribbon for Collect Prayer at the first “Lord, have mercy/Kyrie Eleison” (whichever translation is used) and then step in front of him at the final “Lord, have mercy/Kyrie Eleison”.

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 13, 2020, 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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