

Liturgical Ministry
at
St. Sabina Parish





What Is Liturgy?

The church celebrates "liturgy" any time people gather together to pray in a public way. The most well known form of public prayer is Mass, but any form of community prayer, such as prayer services, evening prayer, reconciliation services, or stations of the cross, are called liturgies. Liturgy literally means "the work of the people." This implies that when the church gathers, we are actively involved in what goes on as we pray.




What Is Liturgical Ministry?

Liturgical ministry is what we do when we take responsibility for the preparation of liturgy. We prepare to fill specific roles necessary for the celebration of prayer together. Sometimes these roles are visible, such as those who read scripture or minister communion. Other roles are less visible such as those who decorate the church space or ready the sacristy items used during prayer such as the communion vessels, altar linens and candles. All roles are important, because through these roles, we minister to all who are present to pray.



How Can I Get Involved?

Here are descriptions of the Liturgical Ministries in which you can become involved at St. Sabina. Many liturgical ministers find that they gain as much as they give by their involvement. It is a great way to learn about the prayer of our community & to become connected to the parish.





Lector Lectors minister to our community by proclaiming Scripture at Mass and other parish functions.

Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Ministers are called to serve the parish by assisting the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Usher/Greeter The usher or greeter is the minister of hospitality to all who gather for worship. Their job is to extend a warm welcome and accommodate any special needs an individual may have. Ushers also assist with the collection and coordinate those who bring up the gifts at Mass.



Altar Server Young men and women serve our parish by assisting the priest at Mass and other parish liturgies such as funerals, weddings, and holy week liturgies. Interested adults can also assist at this ministry.



Sacristan The Sacristan's ministry is to set up the items that are used during liturgies, including communion ware, bread & wine, and the books used by the priest and lectors. They make sure all the things and people needed for Mass are in place and prepared. They also put sacristy items away after Mass. Sacristans are needed for all liturgies the parish celebrates, including weekend Masses, funerals, weddings and reconciliation services.

Junior Sacristan The junior sacristan is a high school aged minister who assists the sacristan with the duties mentioned above.



Art & Environment This is the ministry of enhancing worship by decorating the church for specific seasons or celebrations of the church year. One can serve by assisting with the putting up and taking down of decorations, providing artwork or artistic ideas and designs, caring for the live plants and flowers used in the church or gathering and preparing the items to be used for decorating.

Sewing Ministry Those with sewing talents may consider serving the parish by sewing needed liturgical items including banners, altar cloths, vestments, baptismal garments, and smaller altar linens such as purificators and corporals (used during holy communion).



Care of Liturgical Items An important, but less visible ministry is that of caring for sacristy items. A team of people is needed to launder the altar linens and vestments. Another necessary task is making sure candles in the church are filled, cleaned and kept stocked.

