**USHER HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**
Greeters and ushers are our main ministers of hospitality at liturgy. They welcome all those who come for worship, distribute worship aids, and choose and prepare people to present the gifts. During the Mass, the ushers direct worshippers to available seats at the appropriate times, facilitate the collection of the parish offerings, and assist in the Communion procession. When liturgy is over, they distribute bulletins and collect worship aids.

Time Commitment: Ministers choose the Mass at which they serve and coordinate with the head usher at that Mass. Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and stay at least 5 minutes after.

Contact: Loren Gross • lorengross@aol.com • 510 440-9539

**LECTOR MINISTRY**
Lectors, or Ministers of the Word, proclaim the Word of God by reading from Scripture during worship. Lectors make God’s words come alive by reflecting on the readings ahead of time, studying the provided Lector Workbook for pronunciations, phrasing, and other skills to enhance the reading of the Word. Lectors also lead the people in the Prayer of the Faithful. Lectors must be fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

Time Commitment: Preparation and practice before your scheduled Mass and proclamation at Mass. Ministers choose the Liturgy at which they serve. Training is offered as needed. Schedules are provided.

Contact: Greg Bogdanoff • gregbogdanoff@aol.com • 510 657-3183

**MUSIC MINISTRY**
Music Ministers lead the assembly in sung prayer during Liturgies. There are various ways that one can serve through the music ministry: Choir singer, cantor, instrumentalist, accompanist, bell ringer, music librarian, desktop publisher for worship aids and much more. All these roles are essential to leading the parish in song at Mass. There are also several choirs to be a part of including children’s, youth, and multicultural choirs.

Time Commitment: Weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evening for singers and instrumentalists. Other roles as scheduled or needed.

Contact: Mark Sullivan • msjmusic@comcast.net • 510 656-1055

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**Are you being called to serve at Mass?**

YES! I am called to serve...

Please fill out and drop in collection basket.

Name: _________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________________________

Preferred Mass (check all that apply):
- 5:30 PM Saturday
- 7:30 AM Sunday
- 9:00 AM Sunday
- 11:00 AM Sunday
- 12:30 PM Sunday
- 4:00 PM Sunday (Mandarin)
- 6:30 PM Sunday (Youth)
- 8:00 AM Daily Mass

Ministry you would like to join (check all that apply):
- Altar Server
- Usher Hospitality
- Environment & Art
- Lector
- Minister of Communion
- Music Ministry

Liturgy Committee – MSJLiturgy@yahoo.com
SERVE ONE ANOTHER...

Are you being called to serve at Mass?

Participating in a Liturgical Ministry challenges us to new levels of spiritual depth and understanding by living out our Baptismal promise to serve and build up the Body of Christ. Each ministry takes on a unique and essential role in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Consider becoming an Altar Server, Environment & Art Minister, Minister of Communion, Usher, Lector, and/or Choir member and help enhance our liturgical celebrations at St. Joseph.

For more information or to sign up, please contact the ministry coordinator listed on this pamphlet or fill out the form on the front and drop it in the collection basket. You can also e-mail Francis Rojas, Liturgy Coordinator at MSJLiturgy@yahoo.com.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers assist the Presider (priest) throughout the Mass. Their participation includes carrying the cross, candles, and incense in procession, holding the Sacramentary for prayers and assisting in the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Altar Servers must have already received First Eucharist.

Time Commitment: Servers are needed for all liturgies. They may request specific liturgies, or be available to serve when they are needed. Servers attend annual training sessions and learn by serving with experienced servers until they are confident to take on the different roles. Schedules are provided.

Contact: Irwan Nusputra • i.nusaputra@comcast.net • 510 301-8516

ENVIRONMENT & ART

The Environment & Art ministry is responsible for designing and preparing worship environments for liturgical seasons and feasts. With an understanding of the liturgical seasons and scripture, those with an eye for design, an interest in plants and floral arrangements or just a desire to help can contribute to creating beautiful environments that enhance the worship experience of the parish.

Time Commitment: Seasonal, as needed. Preparation or set-up usually occurs on the eve of a feast or on a weekday before a liturgical season begins.

Contact: Laura Turula • lautur@comcast.net • 408 507-4057
Bernadette Stidman • 510 668-1799

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

(Eucharistic Ministers)

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion assist the Presider in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass. They prepare the sacred vessels, chalices and ciboria (cups and plates) and set out bread and wine for the presentation of gifts. They also assist in the cleaning of the vessels after Mass. Ministers of Communion must be fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

Time commitment: Liturgies as scheduled or requested. Ministers attend an annual training session and learn by serving with experienced ministers. Schedules are provided.

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