

2022-23 Ministry Volunteer Survey- Descriptions

You are invited to share your gifts, time and talents

- 1. Altar Servers:** Assist the priest during the Mass and at other liturgical functions. Is responsible for lighting the candles before mass, carrying the cross and candles for processions: ringing the bells, etc. Altar servers are baptized male or female Catholics aged 8 years and over. **There is a great need of altar servers at all weekend masses and for retired adults to serve at funerals.**
- 2. Bereavement Group:** We invite parishioners who are bereaved to join us for sharing, support and fellowship. We are able to share our faith that gives us strength through this grief journey and also just to know that we are not alone.
- 3. Catholic Women's League (CWL):** A national organization which invites women 16 years and over to journey together in a sisterhood of faith, fun, friendship and fulfillment. As a CWL member, you joyfully affirm that God's presence blesses every aspect of ordinary life, including meetings, volunteer projects and celebrations.
- 4. Minister of Communion:** Responsible for helping the priest and deacon to distribute Holy Communion during Mass.
- 5. Funeral Liturgy Ministry:** Members normally work in teams of two, taking turns in meeting with the families of the deceased to assist in the planning of funeral liturgies, in areas such as readings, hymns etc. Teams co-ordinate with the Celebrant and musicians, as well as providing some guidance at the liturgy.
- 6. Knights of Columbus:** As a Knight you have the opportunity to support our Parish, give back to our community, grow your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world, dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbours.

7. Pastoral Care Ministry: Visits the sick, the shut-in and the dying in their homes (when requested) within our Parish community. As Eucharistic Ministers we will bring communion when requested. Completion of a ten week Pastoral Care course will be required.

8. Projectionist: Support the weekend masses and Parish celebrations by projecting words and videos on the overhead screen.

9. Pro-Life Ministry: Champions the battle against the evils of abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia by co-ordinating and/or promoting local, provincial and national events in our parish.

10. Reader Ministry: The Reader-Lector proclaims the Word of God through scriptural readings.

11. Responsible Ministry: Ensures that volunteers have filled out the volunteer information form: have been given a copy and read the Archdiocese code of Pastoral Conduct: ensures that any volunteer that needs a police check has completed one, and ensures expired police checks are renewed.

12. Social Media, Facebook: Enhances SJA s online presence so as to strengthen people's relationship with God both within and beyond our Parish Community.

13. Telephone Outreach: Calls up parishioners to help them to stay connected and supported, particularly when they are feeling isolated and lonely.

14. Young Family Ministry: Plan activities that will bring young Catholic families together, providing a place to build community while sharing the journey of raising young children

15. Youth Ministry: Organizes fun and faith-filled activities for youth to help them grow in their relationship with God and the overall Parish Community.

16. Ushers: Welcome attendees; answer questions; assist with seating; gather the offerings and deposit them into our safe. Ushers arrive earlier to prepare the church for the celebration and leave when the church is tidy and ready for the next mass.