

ALTAR BOY CHECKLIST

Preparation at Home

Here are some things to watch for and ask yourself:

1. Have you taken your bath or shower?
2. Is your hair combed?
3. Did you brush your teeth?
4. Are your clothes clean and ironed?
5. What about your shoes (are they clean and shined)?
6. Remember no tennis shoes, sneakers, jeans, unbuttoned shirts and your pants should be dark in color.

Arrival and Preparation at Church

When you walk into the Narthex, you should:

1. Place your offering into the tray;
2. Take a candle;
3. Light you candle and place it in the candle stand;
4. Make the sign of the Cross;
5. Offer a silent prayer for your parents, your relatives, your friends, your enemies and yourself;
6. Kiss the icons in the Narthex;

When you enter the altar, you should:

1. Kiss the icon on the door and then enter the Altar;
2. Upon entering the area of the Altar do your Cross and proceed to the Cross at the back of the Altar and kiss the Cross and offer a prayer from your prayer card;
3. Then quietly find your robe, fold it, and proceed to the priest for a blessing;
4. When the priest finishes the blessing, kiss his hand;
5. Next take your robe and put it on;
6. Then take your designated position in the Altar.