



We invite you to be Gift Bearers!

During Mass there's a little moment that can often go unnoticed. After the prayers of the faithful, while the collection baskets are passed, is a very meaningful part of the Mass: members of our parish carry the gifts of bread and wine to the priest. These gift bearers represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us.

The wheat and the grapes, gifts given to us by God, have been made into bread and wine by human effort. This is an exterior sign of our internal offerings – we offer our prayers and ourselves in the same way that we offer these mere gifts of bread and wine, hoping that just as they are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we be transformed by his grace.



What a wonderful way to express thanks and joy to God, by bearing these gifts to the priest!

Two people are needed for each Mass, and families are welcome. *What is involved, exactly?*



After the close of the Prayer of the Faithful, the gift bearers walk to the back of the church. Our Mass Coordinators will give you the paten (plate) of communion wafers and the glass carafe of communion wine. At their signal, you'll carry the gifts reverently up the aisle to where the priest is waiting. The wine is given to Father first, then the plate of wafers. You don't have to say anything, but Father will usually say some kind words of appreciation for your participation.



Then Father will move toward the altar, and you'll bow together, in respect for the priest, who represents Jesus, Himself, at Mass; and to the altar on which the same events of Calvary will be made present again. Then you turn, walk down the aisle, and return to your seat.

With this gift of your time, you will serve an important role in the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist on behalf of everyone assembled for Mass.