

## ALTAR SERVER DRESS CODE

Please take time to read the dress code below in its entirety. Especially notice the required shoes and socks. *Altar servers are an extension of the clergy and expected to act and dress appropriately.*

Plain, light colored shirts (or dresses) with no bold prints, stripes, or wording that may show through the altar server robe should be worn.

Males may wear slacks or dress shorts with long, dark socks (no ankle socks).

Females may wear dresses or shirts with skirts, slacks, or leggings. Females may also wear plain, dark or light colored tights, long socks, or stockings or no stockings.

**Male altar servers should wear plain, long, dark socks with plain black (preferred) or dark brown closed toe dress shoes.**

**Female altar servers should wear plain black (preferred) or dark brown closed toe dress shoes (preferred) or dress sandals with no heel or low heel that are quiet when walking. If dress sandals are worn, they must cover a majority of the foot and have a heel strap.**

Shoes should be dressy but plain and in good, clean condition. *Altar servers should not draw attention to their feet. Instead, servers should help the congregation focus on the holiness of Mass.* **NEVER wear sneakers, boat shoes, flip flops, "blingy" shoes, high heels, distracting shoes, or boots.**

Even if an altar server is not scheduled to serve at a Mass, it is a good idea to wear appropriate shoes for serving or keep an extra pair in the vehicle that is usually taken to Mass in the event that an altar server position needs to be filled. Altar servers may bring their dress shoes for altar serving with them into church and change their shoes in the Liturgical Ministries Room.

Acceptable examples of shoes are posted in the Liturgical Ministries Room and are available on the GSCC altar server webpage. **If inappropriate shoes are worn, altar servers may be asked not to serve.**

If you are unsure about your shoes, please refer to the examples on the GSCC Altar Server webpage or contact the Lead of the Altar Server Ministry.



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