



Cathedral of Saint Francis

February 12, 2009

Dear Altar Servers and Their Parents:

We are blessed to have 37 new Altar Servers joining the ranks of the Cathedral Servers. With such a large number of new servers (many of whom have siblings already serving) and preparing for our 10 HS Seniors who will be graduating, it has become **necessary to create 5 additional teams and to shuffle many of our existing teams, assigning new captains too.**

Attached you will find the *new team assignments*. These are **effective Sunday March 1, 2009**. So, if your team is assigned to **Saturday February 28** – it's the **OLD** team; but if you are assigned to **Sunday March 1** – it's the **NEW** team. In addition, there is attached a contact list to help you find substitutes when you can not serve. Please put it in a safe place for reference.


Attached you will also find the March and first half of the April schedules. The Holy Week and Easter schedules are still being determined – thus our schedule only goes through Palm Sunday – April 5, 2009. We will fill in Holy Week and Easter – starting with those who served last year and then asking for sign-ups for the open slots. Please watch for these notices in the future. Schedules are available in the Altar Server Sacristy and on line at the Cathedral web site, along with team lists. Contact information is not posted in either site to respect your privacy. The web site is: <http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/AltarServers/Schedules/index.htm>

Some important upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- Saturday, February 28 – 7:00 PM Mass – New Server Installation & reception
- Saturday, May 9 – 5:00 PM Mass – Graduating HS Senior Mass & reception

Attendance has improved greatly in recent weeks and I thank you for your renewed efforts. There are 2 concerns for which I need to ask your help. There are instances where parents and servers are not on the same page as far as schedules go. Servers, if you are asked to sub/serve at a mass – please tell your parents so that they can put it on the calendar. Parents, if you commit your child to sub/serve, please tell them that they are serving, so they know. Once a commitment has been made, we are relying on both the server and parent to fulfill the commitment. With 167 servers, we should not have to walk around the church before mass looking for servers to fill in. The other issue is the schedule itself. We send it via e-mail to all those for whom we have an e-mail address. Yet when asked, many servers have no idea they have received the schedule. So parents, when you receive the schedule please show it to the server. If your *e-mail is incorrect or missing on the contact list* attached – please *contact Mr. JP Saggese* with the *correct address*. His e-mail address is – jsaggese@verizon.net.

Thanks again for all your efforts. May God bless you with a Holy Lenten Season. Peace & Prayers;


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Altar Server Moderator