



Catholic Church

Dress Code for Liturgical Ministers

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

All the faithful serve as ministers in the liturgy offering the sacrifice of praise to the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit together with and through the priest. As liturgical ministers we need to lead by example and dress in a manner that expresses how we choose to present ourselves to God and to one another, even when not scheduled, so as to be able to serve if called upon.

Modest and respectful dress is the norm to be observed. The Church is air conditioned so that all the faithful will be comfortable in dressing appropriately for Holy Mass. The dress code may require a person to dress for Mass differently than he or she might for the rest of the day. We kindly ask that you make this special effort as a part of your public service in the sanctuary or in any public manner.

If one does not come dressed appropriately they may be asked to refrain from presenting oneself for service.

WOMEN:

DO

- Dresses/Skirts (at least knee-length), suits, or full length slacks,
- Blouses/tops (sweater or jacket should be worn over sleeveless attire),
- Dress shoes or business casual shoes.

DON'T

- Short skirts, shorts, Capri pants as the length and casual style vary by make,
- Low cut tops, halter tops, or tied blouses that expose bare skin (Bare backs, bellies or shoulders),
- Tight clothing of any kind,
- Sports uniforms, athletic shoes or flip flops.

MEN:

DO

- Suits with collared dress shirt and tie or sport coat and tie are optimum,
- Dress slacks (or Dockers style slacks) with collared dress shirt as a minimum,
- Dress shoes or business casual shoes and socks.

DON'T

- Shorts, jeans or worn casual slacks,
- Polo type shirts, Tee-shirts, tank tops,
- Sports uniforms, athletic shoes or flip flops.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The dignity of the service being offered by those who perform any service in the Sanctuary (or in any liturgical-related duties) remains the same for all Masses or public services (for instance, the priest vests the same at all Masses). Therefore, the minimum of "business casual" provided above (shirts/blouses with collars, full length slacks, nice shoes, etc.) worn with modesty and respect.