



The Altar Guild Society



Take care of Our Lord's house,
in imitation of His Blessed
Mother.

Parishioners of St. Mary's by the Sea are encouraged to participate in the spiritual and corporal works of the Altar Guild Society.

The Altar Guild receives Holy Communion as a group at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

Meetings are held in the Family Room at 12:00 noon on the first Monday of each month, from September through May. The meetings include recitation of the Rosary and are followed with a potluck lunch. Annual membership dues are \$10.00.

If you work during the day, you can still become a prayer member and are welcome to attend the 9:00 a.m. First Sunday Mass with the rest of the Society.

Father Joseph Luan Nguyen is our spiritual guide.

Responsibilities of Altar Guild Members include:

- **Care of the Altar and Sanctuary:**

- Linens and altar cloths
- Priests Vestments
- Altar Boy surplices and cassocks
- Polishing Sacred Vessels
- Altar and Votive Candles and holders

- **Cleaning:**

- Weekly cleaning of the body of the Church, choir loft, statues, pews, railings & windows.
- Flower care: watering, trimming, replacing old plants. Done weekly and as needed.
- Clean Holy Water fonts and refill with Holy Water.



- **Place donation envelopes in pew racks when needed.**
- **Decorate Church for Christmas, Easter and Special Holy Days.**
- **Assist at Parish Functions :** Pancake Breakfasts, Special Dinners, Bake Sales, Special fundraisers.
- **Sponsor an annual retreat for the ladies of the parish**
- **Attend Rosaries and Masses for deceased members and/or for their families.**
- **Volunteer time for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**