



*Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church, Price, Utah.
185 North Carbon Avenue*

Ushers play a vital role in ensuring that the Mass runs smoothly and that all parishioners have a positive and spiritual experience. Here are ten key responsibilities for Catholic ushers:

1. **Welcoming Parishioners:** Greet parishioners warmly as they arrive, helping to create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone.
2. **Assisting with Seating:** Help parishioners find seats, especially in crowded services, and assist those with special needs or mobility issues.
3. **Managing the Collection:** Coordinate and assist with the collection of offertory donations during Mass, ensuring that the process is conducted respectfully and efficiently.
4. **Distributing Bulletins:** Hand out bulletins or other materials at the entrance, providing important information about upcoming events and parish activities.
5. **Directing Traffic:** Guide parishioners during Communion and at the end of Mass to maintain order and ensure that everyone can participate smoothly.
6. **Responding to Emergencies:** Be prepared to handle any emergencies or medical situations that may arise during Mass, including knowing how to contact emergency services if needed.
7. **Maintaining Order:** Ensure that the worship space remains quiet and respectful, addressing any disruptions in a tactful manner.
8. **Assisting with Special Needs:** Provide assistance to individuals with special needs, including guiding them to designated areas or helping with any special arrangements required for their comfort and participation.
9. **Setting Up and Tidying the Worship Space:** Help prepare the church before Mass, such as arranging hymnals and missals, and ensure that the worship space is cleaned and tidied up afterward.
10. **Coordinating with Other Ministers:** Work in conjunction with other ministers, such as lectors and Eucharistic ministers, to ensure that the liturgical service proceeds smoothly and in an orderly fashion.

Here are seven things Catholic ushers should avoid doing during Holy Mass:

1. **Becoming Distracted:** Ushers should avoid getting distracted by personal conversations or activities that take away from their responsibilities and the reverence of the liturgy.
2. **Disrupting the Mass:** They should not interrupt or engage in activities that disrupt the flow of the Mass or distract from the liturgical focus like shushing or screaming at the children.
3. **Making Unnecessary Noise:** Avoid making noise or creating disturbances that could interrupt the prayerful atmosphere, such as talking loudly or handling items noisily.
4. **Directing in a Disrespectful Manner:** Ushers should not direct parishioners in a rude or abrupt manner; all interactions should be conducted with kindness and respect.
5. **Ignoring Special Needs:** They should not overlook or ignore the needs of individuals with special requirements, such as those with mobility issues or other disabilities.

6. **Overstepping Boundaries:** Ushers should refrain from taking on roles or responsibilities that are outside their designated duties, such as performing liturgical functions not assigned to them.
7. **Being Unapproachable:** Avoid appearing unapproachable or unhelpful; ushers should be available and willing to assist parishioners in a friendly and welcoming manner.

By avoiding these actions, ushers contribute to a more respectful and orderly celebration of the Mass.