

Altar Server Alb Laundering

Thank you for signing up to help our altar servers' albs in good condition! Ideally everyone should need no more than one turn per year unless you are willing to donate a little time to this valuable volunteer task for your parish!!

Each week someone is assigned to the laundering task. After a Sunday Mass, check in at the Sacristy. Some weeks you may find a bag ready and waiting for you with albs already set aside for washing. If not, look through all of the albs and choose any that are wrinkled, dirty, or have wax drips. Typically it's 3-4 each week.

Laundering Instructions:

- Albs are polyester blend and wash up easily
- Each should be pre-treated for stains (check collars, sleeves and hem along the bottom)
- If you notice any wax, remove it before washing (*Wax remover can be borrowed from the Sacristy. It's a liquid like Goo Gone – apply to the drips and in a minute or two the wax scrapes off. Please be sure to pretreat the spot as the remover is a bit oily.)
- Wash in hot water with detergent. These are bleach safe so if they look dingy, go ahead and give them a boost of Clorox!
- Tumble dry and remove promptly. If you hang while they are still hot, pressing will be much easier.
- Please iron them (with starch if possible) to keep the creases sharp
- If desired, albs can also be dry cleaned safely
- Return to the Sacristy before the weekend. The Sacristy is open for a few minutes before and after each Mass (or you can drop the albs at the Rectory Monday through Friday between 9am-5pm)
- Please put each back on the wooden hangers according to size with all the Velcro tabs attached (your server can help you with this. They are pros!)
- If needed, please straighten the rest on the hangers while you are there (our servers are not pros at this!) 😊

Thank you for helping with this important task that keeps our servers looking neat as they assist at Mass!