

Our Lady of Refuge Parish

ATTIRE GUIDELINES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Men

ATTIRE	APPROPRIATE	ACCEPTABLE	INAPPROPRIATE	COMMENTS
Suit and Tie	X			<i>Especially Feasts, Special Events</i>
Sport Coat, Shirt with Tie	X			<i>Especially Feasts, Special Events</i>
Dress Shirt with Tie, Sweater / Vest		X		
Dress Shirt and Tie		X		Alternative in warm weather
Sport Shirt with Collar and Sport Coat		X		
Turtle Neck Shirt, Sport Coat		X		
Knit (polo/golf) Shirt, Sport Coat		X		
Sport / Knit / Turtleneck Shirt without Coat or Sweater		X		Alternative in warm weather
T-shirt, Casual Collarless Shirt without Coat/Sweater			X	
Suit Trousers or Dress Slacks	X			
Sport Slacks (e.g. Dockers)		X		Neatly pressed
Dignified Seasonal Attire		X		E.g., Holiday colors, outfits
Dirty Attire or Sloppy Grooming			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Jeans, Levis, Sports Uniforms			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Shorts of any length			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Dress Shoes or Dark Shoes and Socks	X			
Sandals*, White Sport Shoes*, Shoes without Socks			X*	*Unless medically necessary
Sensible Amount of Tasteful Jewelry		X		Nothing distracting
Hair Style and Color		X		Not extreme
Fragrance		X		Used sparingly, if at all
Shirts with a logo or excessively bright in color			X	Unacceptable at all Masses

PLEASE NOTE:

* **Appropriate** = attire which is not too sloppy, dirty, or casual for you to sit and respectfully spend an hour face-to-face with Jesus.

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Women

ATTIRE	APPROPRIATE	ACCEPTABLE	INAPPROPRIATE	COMMENTS
Daytime Dress or Suit w/ Long or Knee-Length Skirt	X			If modest & suitable for Mass
Daytime Pants Suit or Coordinated Pants Outfit	X			If modest & suitable for Mass
Dressy Blouse or Tunic with Skirt or Pants	X			If modest & suitable for Mass
Dignified Seasonal Attire		X		If modest & suitable for Mass
Modest Neckline, Sleeve Length and Style	X			Use good judgment
Dress Length - not shorter than just above knee		X		Use good judgment
Plain or Dressy T-shirt as Part of an Outfit		X		If modest & suitable for Mass
T-shirt with Logo			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Shorts of any length			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Skirt-like Culottes, Short		X		If cut to look like a skirt
Jeans, Levis, Jogging Outfits, Sports Uniforms			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Simple Dress Shoes, Dress Sandals, Tailored Boots		X		Sensible, safe heel height for Ministry
Sport Sandals, Sport Shoes			X*	*Unless medically necessary
Stockings, Pantyhose	X			
Knee-high Hose, Socks		X		With pants or long dresses
Bare Legs		X*		*warm weather/pants/long dress
Sensible Amount of Tasteful Jewelry		X		
Jewelry which is Distracting, Noisy, Excessive			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Large Religious Jewelry			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Make-up		X		In moderation
Nail Polish		X		In natural, un-distracting colors
Excessively Long Fingernails			X	Unacceptable at all Masses
Hair Style and Color		X		Not extreme
Fragrance		X		Used sparingly, if at all

PLEASE NOTE: * **Modest & suitable** = attire which is not too tight, too short, too low cut, too bare, or too messy for you to sit and respectfully spend an hour face-to-face with Jesus. From Cardinal Roger Mahony's **Gather Faithfully Together: Guide for Sunday Mass (72)**: Liturgical ministers represent the diversity of the community: women and men, young and old, of different races, backgrounds and circumstances.