

Altar Society of St. Clare Parish, San Antonio, Texas.

Every women of St. Clare Catholic Church, or married to a member, is recognized as an Altar Society member. The purpose of this organization

is to promote Christian living and service in St. Clare parish, foster the spiritual development of the women of the parish and to provide opportunities for friendship and community spirit through social, cultural, and educational programs and events.

Responsibilities include caring for the altar, altar linens and priest's vestments; making or purchasing various religious articles needed and/or requested by the priest (e.g. linens, stoles, pall, vestments, etc.); providing receptions for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation; coordinating, cooking, and hosting an annual Lenten Dinner; reciting a Rosary for each member of the Altar Society upon the person's death; coordinating, planning, and working at the annual bazaar; and assisting various ministries within the Parish.

<u>Mission Statement</u>: We the women of St. Clare under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to deepen our relationship with God and one another. To cherish and promote devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to supply the necessities of the altar and the sanctuary. Through our efforts, we assist the Pastor in maintaining the Altar, Sanctuary and Sacristy.

Purpose: To sanctify its members by cultivating an ardent devotion, reverence, and love towards Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

<u>Membership</u>: Must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Clare.