



Church of the Ascension

Serving God as Acolyte

Server's Name _____



God Bless You for taking a more active role in your church
and in your parish.

Father Daniel

Role of Altar Servers

Altar servers help the entire community in their prayer and worship of God by assisting the priest at Mass. During Mass each altar server has different responsibilities:



Thurifer

The **THURIFER** handles the **THURIBLE** and incense that is used during the procession into the Church and the recessional out of the Church. During the Solemn Mass the altar and the Book of the Gospels are incensed. At the Offertory the gifts of bread and wine and the people are incensed as well.



Crucifer

The **CRUCIFER** carries the processional cross at the beginning and end of Mass. They also assist the senior server setting the table and the presider/deacon during Mass.

Candle Bearers

Altar servers holding candles follow the Crucifer in the procession into the Church and the recessional at the end of Mass.



Book

Altar servers hold the Roman Missal, the book with the prayers for Mass, for the priest during the Opening Prayer and the Prayer after Communion.

Altar Assistants

Offertory

Altar servers prepare the altar and help the priest bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar as the cantor sings the Offertory Hymn.



Lavabo

Altar servers assist the priest in washing his hands with water as he says the prayer asking God to make him worthy to offer the sacrifice of the Eucharist.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR ITEMS IN THE CHAPEL

- a. The tabernacle is the large, ornate safe in which consecrated Eucharistic Bread is kept for the communion of the sick and for adoration by the people outside of Mass. It is usually located in an area apart from the sanctuary. The tabernacle key, when not in use, is kept in a safe place, usually locked in a safe place in the sacristy.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR LINENS

FUNERAL PALL is a large decorated cloth that covers the casket during a funeral Mass.

CORPORAL – The large, square white cloth which is placed on the altar underneath the chalice and paten. This corporal is folded.



PALL – A piece of cardboard or plastic which is covered by linen and used to cover the chalice.

PURIFICATORS – A long narrow piece of folded linen cloth, which sometimes has a small cross sewn on. It is used by the priest and Eucharistic Minister to wipe the chalice after a person takes a drink from it.



ITEMS USED FOR SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS



The Aspergillum and Container - the Aspergillum, or sprinkler, usually looks like a ball on a handle. The priest puts the Aspergillum in a container of Holy Water, so that water will get inside the Aspergillum through little holes. The priest then walks through the church and blesses everyone by sprinkling them using the Aspergillum. This is used on special celebrations.

Censor & Boat

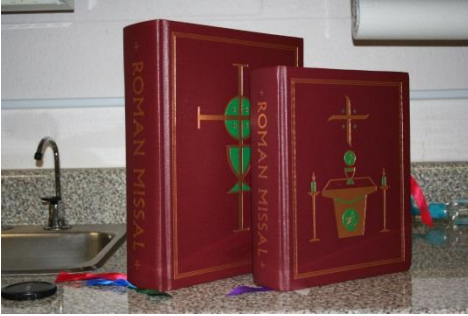
The Censor, also known as the **Thurible**, is used at solemn occasion to incense the bread and wine after the offertory, the priest, and congregation. The Boat holds the incense until it is placed in the censor by the celebrant. The person carrying the Thurible is called the **Thurifer**



Monstrance

A sacred vessel designed to expose the consecrated Host to the congregation either for adoration in church or carrying in procession, particularly on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Books



Roman Missal

Contains the opening prayer, prayer over the gifts, prayer after communion, and solemn blessings, Eucharistic prayers and prefaces for all of the Masses, including special occasions.



Book of the Gospels

This book contains the gospel reading for each Sunday of the three-year cycle, plus all solemnities, feasts, and ritual Masses that are celebrated throughout the liturgical year. Carried in procession by the deacon if it is used.



Lectionary

Contains the scripture readings for Mass. It is carried in the procession by the lector and placed on the ambo.

VESSELS



Chalice (CHAL-is) The large cup used at Mass used to hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.



Common Cups are used by the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



Paten (PAT-en) A saucer-like disk which holds the bread which becomes the Body of Christ.



Decanter or Flagon (FLAG-un)

The bottle or pitcher like vessel used to hold the wine which will be consecrated at mass for the communion of the people. It is brought forth with the gifts.



We have two kinds of Ciborium

Ciborium (si-BORE-ee-um)

A vessel used to hold the Hosts which will be used for communion. They are also used to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Notice that they have lids.



MATCHING VESSELS & LINENS GAME

DRAW A LINE MATCHING THE PICTURES TO THE DESCRIPTION



- Common Cups
- Paten
- Purificator
- Ciborium
- The Aspergillum and Container
- Chalice
- Decanter or Flagon
- Monstrance
- Censor and Boat
- Pall



Alb

A long white garment which can be used by all liturgical ministers. It is a reminder of the baptismal garment worn when the new Christian "Put on Christ."



Cincture (Sink-ture)

A long cord used for fastening albs at the waist. It holds the loose-fitting type of alb in place and is used to adjust it to proper length. It is usually white, although the liturgical color of the day may be used. Our cinctures are a single wrap whereas Father's and the deacons are double wrapped.



Chasuble (CHAZ-uh-buhl)

The sleeveless outer garment, slipped over the head, hanging down from the shoulders covering the alb and stole of the priest. It is the proper Mass vestment for the main celebrant and its color varies according to the feast.



Priest Stole

A long cloth "scarf." According to the manner in which it worn it is the mark of the Office of the priest or deacon. A priest wears it around the neck, letting it hang down in front.

Dalmatic (dahl-MAT-ik)

A loose-fitting robe with open sides and wide sleeves worn by a deacon on more solemn feasts. It takes its color from the liturgical feast.



Deacon Stole

A long cloth "scarf." According to the manner in which it worn it is the mark of the Office of the priest or deacon. A deacon wears it over his left shoulder, fastening it at his right side.

Green - Worn during "Ordinary Time." Ordinary does not mean ordinary in the sense of common or normal. Ordinary means counting, as in the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Red - Worn on Passion (Palm) Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday, and on the Feast Days of Martyrs including the Apostles and Evangelists.

Violet or Purple - Worn during Advent and Lent or at Masses for the dead.

White - Worn during the Christmas, Easter seasons and celebrations of Mary, the Angels, Saints who were not martyrs, All Saints, Birth of John the Baptist, Chair of Peter, Conversion of Paul, St. John the Evangelist and is the preferred color for Masses for the dead.

Rose - Worn on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the 4th Sunday of Lent (Lætare Sunday).

Black - Was traditionally worn at Masses for the dead. Now the preferred color is White or Violet.

IN THE BLANK, WRITE WHICH TIME OF THE YEAR THESE CHASUBLES WOULD BE WORN





CM ALMY

HOW TO TIE A ROPE CINCTURE



Fold cincture in half



Wrap around waist
with knots on your
right side



Grab end of loop made
by the fold and overlap
as shown



Using right hand, slip
loop over left hand,
keeping hold of cincture



Grab knotted end with
your right hand



Slip knotted ends through
loop (where left hand is
making sure that single loop
is on top of double cincture.)
Feed knotted ends through
loop from top to bottom



Drop loop and then
tighten around waist



Knot is on left hip

All the servers should be an example for others to follow. What this means is that all the servers should fully participate in the Mass, so, when the congregation is singing, then the servers are singing (even if you are not good at singing, God doesn't care). The rest of the time all the servers should be paying attention to what is going on during the Mass and try not to distract people who may be watching them.

IN ADDITION TO PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT IS GOING ON DURING THE MASS, THE JUNIOR SERVERS SHOULD ALSO WATCH WHAT THE SENIOR SERVER IS DOING, BECAUSE AT SOME POINT THEY WILL BE FULFILLING THE SENIOR'S SERVER'S ROLE.

Senior Servers

- + Be on time to mass.
20 minutes before mass begins
- + Make sure you and Jr Servers are dressed nice and neat
- + Ask Father he needs anything
- + Ask if there is anything special for Mass
- + Make sure all books are in correct place
- + Help Jr.s check candles

After Mass

- + Assist the sacristan
- + Put all books back where they are supposed to go
- + Put alb and cincture away correctly
- + Check Jr.s and make sure they fulfill their post mass duties

Junior Servers

- + Be on time to mass.
20 minutes before mass begins
- + Make sure you are nice and neat
- + Ask if there is anything special for Mass
- + check candles

After Mass

- + Put alb and cincture away correctly
- + Assist the Sr. Server
- + Put candles back in holders in the vestibule

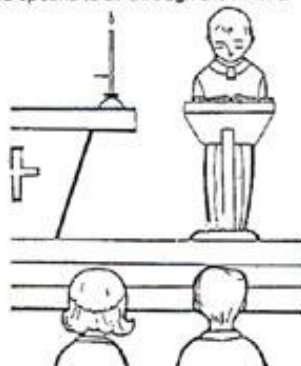
ORDER OF THE MASS THE LORD SPEAKS

ENTRANCE RITE

The Priest comes in and greets the people in the name of Jesus.



When the lector or the Priest reads the readings is God who speaks to us
Homily
God speaks to us through the Priest.



THE CREED -

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH

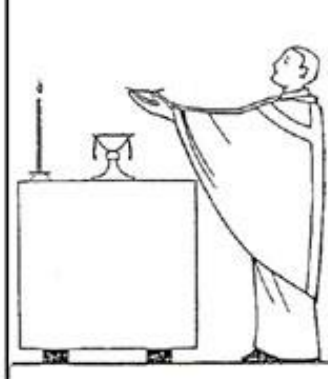


PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The people raise their prayers, to the Lord

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS I

Bread and Wine is taken to the altar for the Eucharistic celebration. Each of us presents to God his life and daily work



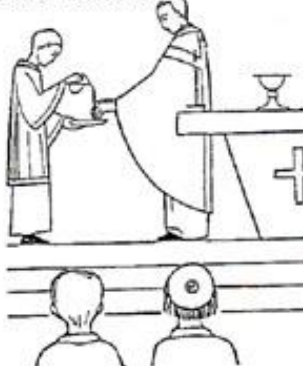
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS II

The priest prepares the bread and wine to present it to the Lord.



WASHING OF THE HANDS

The Priest wash his hands as a Symbol of purity in preparation for the consecration.



THE PREFACE



This is a prayer of thanks giving to God for giving us salvation It ends with the praise acclamation to God by all the people.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD

The Priest does as Jesus did at the Last Supper, saying take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my Body



CONSECRATION OF THE WINE

The Priest change the wine into the living Blood of Jesus, uses the same words as Jesus uses at the Last Supper



Take this, all of you and drink for it: This is the cup of my Blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, it will be shed for you and for all men so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of.

THE GREAT AMEN

We give our assent to all that has taken place at the end of the Eucharistic prayer



THE LORD'S PRAYER PRAYER

We speak to God our Father in the words of Jesus taught us.



SIGN OF PEACE
LAMB OF GOD

HOLY COMMUNION

The Priest gives communion to the people



CONCLUDING RITE

We receive God's blessing from the Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the son and the Holy Spirit. We answer, Amen

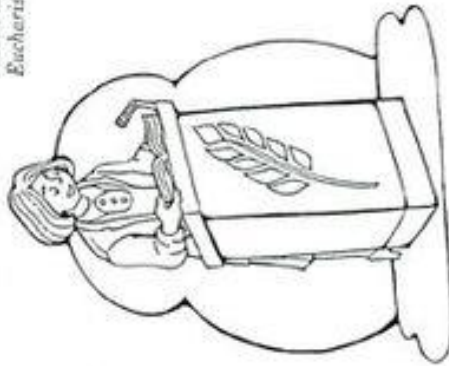
The Mass Has Two Parts

When we go to Mass we do two things. First, we listen to Bible readings in the Liturgy of the Word. Second, we thank God

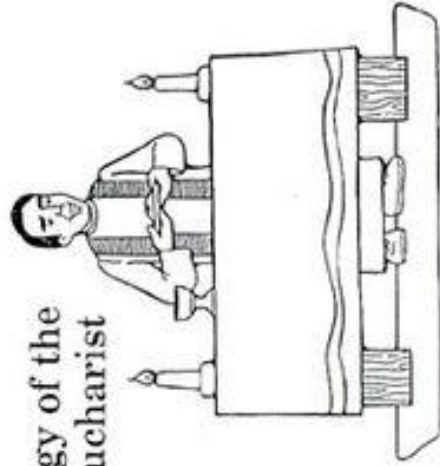
the way Jesus taught us to do, and we share the Body and Blood of Christ. We call this the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Word

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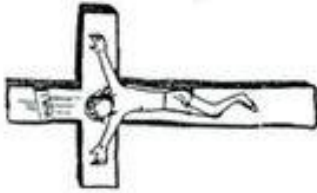


The Liturgy of the Eucharist



We read from the Old Testament.	
We read from the letters of the Apostles.	
We read from one of the Gospels.	
We sing the Alleluia acclamation.	
We profess our faith with the Creed.	
We offer Prayers of the Faithful.	
We offer gifts of bread and wine.	
We sing, "Holy, holy, holy."	
We pray the Eucharistic Prayer.	
We pray the Our Father.	
We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.	

Eucharist



WORD BANK

Chalice Wine
Candle Water
Book Host (Bread)
Cross or Crucifix

