

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
CANDLEBEARER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Prior to Mass:** Be dressed and ready to serve. After prayer in the Liturgy Room, pick up your candle and line up near the center table behind the Cross bearer. The Mass Coordinator will light your candle.
2. **Procession:** Holding the candle upright and walking next to the other Candle bearer, **slowly** follow the Cross bearer down the aisle. **Leave 6 pews between you and the Cross bearer. Please don't rush.** Move to the right of the altar and place the candle in its stand. Wait for the Presider to bow in front of the altar. Then take your seat in the first row on the left side of the altar.
3. **Gospel:** After the second reading when we stand for the Gospel, walk around the front of the altar to get your candle. Keep the candle upright and take your place on either side in front of the pulpit (ambo). Please stand with your feet on the floor of the church and balance the candle on the step. Wait there until the Gospel is read. Then return the candle to its stand and go back to your seat.
4. **Gifts:** As the Presider is moving to the front of the altar to receive the gifts, go to where he is standing and wait for him to hand the gifts to you. Take them and place them on the altar.
5. **Communion:** At communion time, a Minister of Communion will offer you communion. Take a host from the paten (plate) and lay it in your cupped hand. Keep it there until the Presider consumes his host. Then, take the host from the palm of your hand and place it in your mouth. Next, when the Commentator offers you the cup, take it and drink from it, return it to the Commentator, and sit down.

During communion, remove the tray, book (Sacramentary), paten, and wine pitcher from the altar and place them on the side table (credence table). The Cross bearer will help you. Return to your seat.

6. **Recessional:** After the Presider gives the final blessing, walk to the cross stand and wait for the Presider to come around to the front of the altar and bow. Then pick up the candle and follow the Cross bearer up the aisle, walking alongside the other Candle bearer. An adult will be at the end of the procession to extinguish the candles. **Do not blow out the candle yourself.** Place the candle in the candleholder on the wall before changing out of your alb.

After 11:30 Mass only: After removing your alb, return your candle to the stand