



CHURCH OF THE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

LITURGICAL MINISTER GUIDELINES



SACRISTANS

2020 Update



WELCOME

Sacristans help make Masses flow smoothly by assisting in setup and preparation in conjunction with Father and the other Liturgical Ministers. Although often “unseen,” the duties of a Sacristan do not go unnoticed.

Scripture Reflection

Psalm 84: 3, 10

*How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!
Blessed they who dwell in your house! Continually they praise you.
O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.*



MINISTRY IN CONTEXT

As with all Liturgical Ministries, everything should be done in the context of the Mass itself. As a Sacristan, your role fits into the Mass as follows:

- Before Mass** *Arrive at least twenty minutes early to the Sacristy.
Set up the chalices and ciboria with the correct amounts:
Roughly 1/2 cup of wine per chalice; the number of hosts in
the ciboria reflects the number of parishioners.
8pm: 2 chalices, 2 ciboria *Effective 04/18/20
8:30am/10:30am: 6 chalices, 5 ciboria
Father’s ciborium receives the large host for consecration.
Check the Tabernacle before putting new hosts in.
Leave Father’s filled ciborium, 2 other filled ciboria, and a
cruet with enough wine or mustum for Father on the
Offering Table.
Set up Father’s empty chalice; the purificators; a cruet of
water; and filled chalices and remaining ciboria
(8:30am/10:30am only) on the Credence Table.
Pray with the other ministers outside of the Sacristy.
Help younger Alter Servers light candles, etc., if needed.*
- Procession** *In general, during Mass, be sure to help with anything that
may need immediate attention.*

TIPS FOR SACRISTANS

Here are a few helpful pointers from seasoned members of this Ministry:

1. Use a mild soap to wash! Nothing antibacterial.
2. Do not immerse vessels in water.
3. Wipe clean vessels after washing with towels, not purificators.
4. When washing purificators, DO NOT use bleach. Oxi-Clean is good with cold water, and Shout! will get out lipstick stains.
5. Do iron purificators.
6. Mustum is grape juice that has begun the fermentation process, but does not have the alcoholic content of table wine. This is used for Fr. Shawn's chalice.



LITURGICAL MINISTER DRESS CODE

Conservative – Modest – Polished – Respectful – Versatile

“In him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28)

Liturgy is **LIVING!** Keep in mind that we **sit, stand, bow, genuflect, and move around** in a variety of ways during Mass. **Clothing choices for Mass should reflect the five points above during every ritual action that we do.**

“Raise your eyes and look...” (Zechariah 5:5)

Liturgical Ministers should remember they are at a height when in the Sanctuary from the vantage point of those in the pews.

“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour...” (Matthew 25:13)

Remember you may be called upon “in the moment” to minister at weekend Mass! Always **be prepared** and choose clothes to wear for Liturgical Ministry every weekend, even when you are not “on.”