

# Altar Server Guideline



**“His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever He tells you.’ (John 2:5)**

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## INTRODUCTION

A minimum of three Altar Servers are scheduled for each Mass. Holy Days four Altar Servers are scheduled.

- A: “Auxiliary” This server acts in an auxiliary role, assisting Father as needed and supporting the other servers. Usually assigned to new servers in training.
- B: “Book Bearer.” This server is responsible for the Sacramentary. They hold it for Father and place it on the altar and remove it after Communion. During special blessings and on certain feasts they may also hold a book of blessings or liturgical guide for Father.
- C: “Crucifer.” This server is responsible for the processional crucifix and for dressing the altar. They bring Father’s chalice to the altar and prepare the altar for the gifts.
- T: “Thurifer.” During Christmas, Easter and feast days, this server carries the thurible (censor) and boat and is responsible for lighting the charcoal before and during Mass.

Occasionally **A** and **B** (or other servers that have been added for the specific liturgy) will process with candles, at which time they are referred to as “Light Bearer(s).”

## Proper Attire for Serving at Mass

It should not be thought that because a server is clothed in a cassock that they may dress inappropriately beneath their vestments. No Shorts, sandals or athletic shoes.

**Boys** should wear a collared shirt with pants, black dress shoes and black socks.

**Girls** should wear dresses, skirts, or dress pants. Black dress shoes with no high heels. Please no jewelry or excessive makeup.

Parents: Should there be a difficulty with meeting these requirements due to financial reasons or another hardship, please inform the altar server coordinator and allowances will be made.

Please have your child dressed in the above manner should they need to be a replacement. Proper attire is a physical reminder of the importance of and the reverence due the Sacrifice of the Mass.

## Reminders

- Pay attention to the priest at all times.
- If you’re not feeling well, leave the sanctuary at once – go to the bathroom across from the music room
- Be models of good worship – Remember you are fulfilling a special ministry of service to your parish. You are visible to the entire congregation.
- Never rush or move quickly with liturgical items; ‘glide like angels’.
- **Always be reverent in mass.** If you are not carrying or holding something, place your hands in a prayer position (either fingers pointed or locked together). Elbows at a 90 degree angle, it’s easier that way
- If there are not three servers, split the duties up equally. CALM (Certified Adult Liturgical Minister) will also fill in as needed.

## **Before Mass**

- Pray that you may serve God well during Mass
- Arrive a minimum of **15 minutes** before mass. Check the bulletin board on the servers' closet door for special events or instructions.
- Put on a cassock (black robe). Make sure it comes just to the top of your shoes. If it is too big, you will not be able to handle the items during mass and you might trip. Also, wear a surplice that fits.
- You can be seen by most of the congregation. You should not be seen unless you are actively involved. Meaning, **do not** slouch, fiddle with your cassock, cross your legs, stare into space, sleep, or continuously scratch yourself.
- Help your fellow servers. If they are forgetting to do something, remind each other.
- If Father turns to you and asks for something, and you cannot hear, walk quickly to him so that he may tell you again.

## **Pre-Mass Check List:** Usually completed by **C** and/or **T** Server.

- For special occasions and liturgies, the charcoals are lit 15 minutes before the Mass and boat full of incense.
- The Sacramentary is in place on the servers' bench.
- Hymnals with current song sheets for each server on the songbooks.
- Before the pre-mass prayer, usually 5 minutes, the crucifix and/or thurible is brought to the main sacristy from the work sacristy.

## **Server L: Candle Bearer**

### **Before Mass**

- No later than 10 minutes before mass bring candles from the work sacristy to the main sacristy at the front of the church.

### **The Introductory Rites:**

- Walk at a reverent pace behind the crucifix, side by side with the other candle bearer.
- L1 & L2: move onto the sanctuary and place the candles on the pedestal on each side of the altar. Back off the sanctuary and move around to your seats

### **The Liturgy of the Word :**

#### **First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel**

- As the Gospel Acclamation (...Alleluia Alleluia) begins, L1 & L2 Move around sanctuary and pick up candles. Wait. After the Book of the Gospel, is shown to the congregation, L2 turn and lead the Deacon, thurifer and L1 to the ambo. L1 & L2 turn and face the ambo. At the conclusion of the gospel return the candles to the pedestal on each side of the altar. Step down off the sanctuary and return to your seat.

### **Concluding Rites (end of Mass):**

#### **Greeting, Blessing, Announcements, Dismissal, Recessional**

- As the priest moves to in front of the altar, L1 & L2 move around sanctuary and pick up candles. Step down and wait for Father to bow.
- Recess in the same order you came in; following the crucifix.

### **After Mass**

- Do not disrobe
- Wait until the final song is finished before returning the candles to the work sacristy.
- Once all the chores are done, you can disrobe. Re-hang all garments. Do not re-hang soiled or damaged garments.

## **Server A: Auxiliary**

### **The Introductory Rites:** (The beginning of Mass)

#### **Entrance, Greeting, Sprinkling or Penitential Rite, Kyrie, Gloria and Opening Prayer**

- During the Processional Song walk to the altar behind the crucifix about 2 pew lengths behind Server-C and side-by-side with Server-B
- Hold your hands folded at your chest and walk at a reverent pace (a slow walk)
- When you get to the front of the altar you will stand to the far left of server B.
- Bow when the priest bows in reverence to the Altar of Sacrifice.
- Move around the left side of the sanctuary to your chair. You sit closest to the choir.
- Stand at your chair, get the hymn book out and sing

### **The Liturgy of the Word :**

#### **First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Creed, and Intercessions**

- Sit quietly
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### **Liturgy of the Eucharist :**

#### **Offertory, Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Rites and Liturgy of the Eucharist (preparation of the Altar and Gifts**

- Step up to the sanctuary with C and hold the towel .Return the towel to the credence table after father has washed his hands. Return to your seat.
- Kneel during the consecration
- When communion begins step up to join the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- After receiving communion return to your place and kneel.

At the end of Communion...(when the congregation is finished)

- When the remaining Hosts are being put into the one bowl, move to the back edge of the altar carpet to be ready to clear the altar.
- Watch the minister with the Host as they leave the room. There should be **NO movement** during this time.
- As soon the minister has gone through the door, the altar needs to be cleared. Take away what is on the altar (or what is handed to you) back to the credence table.

### **The Concluding Rites** (end of Mass):

#### **Greeting, Blessing, Announcements, Dismissal, Recessional**

- When the priest stands move to the south side of the sanctuary and wait.
- When he moves to leave, meet him in front of the sanctuary. This is the same position as the entrance.
- Bow with the priest to the altar.
- Recess in the same order as you came in; side-by-side with Server-B.

### **After Mass**

- Do not disrobe
- Once all candles are out and the cross replaced, disrobe. Re-hang your garments in the closet. Do not re-hang soiled or damaged garments.

## **Server B: Book / Sacramentary**

### **The Introductory Rites** (beginning of Mass):

#### **Entrance, Greeting, Sprinkling or Penitential Rite, Kyrie, Gloria and Opening Prayer**

- During the Entrance Song you will process to the Altar behind Server-C. Walk about 10 steps behind Server-C, (side-by-side with Server-A if there is no incense).
- Hold your hands folded reverently at your chest and walk at a slow pace.
- When you get to the front of the Altar you will stand next to the left of the priest on the orange stripe.
- Bow when the priest bows in reverence to the Altar of Sacrifice.
- Go to your seat around the left side of the sanctuary to your seat. You will sit in the middle of the bench.
- Stand at your chair, get the hymn book out and sing

#### **During the Gloria...**(Glory to God in the highest...)

- Pick up the Sacramentary and step up on the sanctuary
- At the end of the Gloria open the book. (If the book is too heavy, the priest will open it.)
- When the priest says 'Let us pray' move in front of him about arms length away. Do not stand too close, you are a flexible book rest
- Hold the Sacramentary up on your chest. Father will adjust it and you if needed.
- After the prayer, return with the book to your seat.
- Whenever you sit, hold the Sacramentary reverently in your lap. Whenever you stand, place the Sacramentary on the bench.

### **The Liturgy of the Word** :

#### **First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Creed, and Intercessions**

- Sit quietly

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

#### **Offertory, Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Rites and Liturgy of the Eucharist**

- If C prepares the altar, immediately after the intercessions (...we pray to the Lord) go with C to hold the chalice as C sets the corporal and then return for the sacramentary after the corporeal is spread and hand the book to C to place book in the center of the altar near the front edge.
- If C does not prepare the altar, take the Sacramentary and hand it to the person setting the table. Return to your seat.
- Watch the ushers at the back. When the gift bearers are holding the gifts, Server-B and C move to the south side of the sanctuary in anticipation of helping with the gifts.
- When Father moves to get the gifts meet him at the front and stand on the north side of him. He will hand you one of the gifts.
- Place the gift on the corporeal per the attached diagram. (Bowl in the center between the chalice and the book or the wine to the left of the bowl.)
- After placing one of the gifts on the altar go immediately to the credence table and pick up the water cruet. Return with it to the edge of the altar carpet. Extend the cruet to the person pouring with the handle towards them. Wait for it to be returned.
- Take the water to C and go back to wait for the empty wine container (flagon) at the edge of the altar carpet.
- Take the empty flagon to the credence table. Return to C on the sanctuary and take the water cruet back.
- Both move to the back of the altar carpet wait for Father to turn to have his hands washed.

After Father prays, “Blessed be God Forever...” (Or if incense is used he will wash his hands as soon as he hands the thurible back to A)

- Step forward onto the carpet to pour water over the priest’s hands.
- Return his simple bow and return to your seat.
- Kneel during the consecration
- You may hold hands with the other Servers during the Lord’s Prayer
- When Father serves someone else communion, step up on the sanctuary and stand with the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- Afterwards return to your seat and kneel.

After Communion (when the congregation is finished)

- When the remaining Hosts are being put into the one bowl, move to the back edge of the altar carpet to be ready to clear the altar.
- Watch the minister with the Host as they leave the room. There should be **NO movement** during this time.
- As soon as the minister has left the room, immediately move to the altar to clear all items. (Or take what is handed to you) back to the credence table. If it is the Sacramentary, place it on the bench

**The Concluding Rites** (end of Mass):

**Greeting, Blessing, Announcements, Dismissal, Recessional**

- Anticipate the closing prayer. Father will sit down briefly after communion. Pick up the Sacramentary and stand up.
- As soon as Father stands up, step up on the sanctuary.
- When he says ‘Let Us Pray’ bring the Sacramentary to him with it open if possible.
- Hold the Sacramentary up on your chest. Father will adjust it to where he needs it
- After the prayer, return the book to the bench and sit down.
- After the announcements, when Father stands, move to the south side of the sanctuary and wait.
- As he begins to move to the front come around to the front and stand where you were when you came in.
- Bow together with Father to the altar.
- Recess in the same order that you came in.

**After Mass**

- Wait until the final song is finished before returning the thurible to the sanctuary
- Do not disrobe
- Put out the candles by using a bell snuffer.
- Once all the chores are done, you can disrobe and hang your garments in the closet
- Do not re-hang soiled or damaged garments.

## **Server C: Crucifer**

### **The Introductory Rites** (beginning of Mass):

#### **Entrance, Greeting, Sprinkling or Penitential Rite, Kyrie, Gloria and Opening Prayer**

- You will lead the procession if there is no incense. Walk at a reverent pace, holding the crucifix as high as comfortably possible with both hands close to your chest. If there is a thurifer, you will be second in the procession
- When you get to the front of the altar you will stand to the right. **DO NOT** bow when Father bows
- Take the crucifix to its stand when the priest moves to the altar. Then return to your seat.
- Sit closest to the credence table
- Stand at your chair, get the hymn book out and sing

### **The Liturgy of the Word** :

#### **First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Creed, and Intercessions**

- Sit quietly

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist** :

#### **Offertory, Preparation of the Altar and Gifts and Liturgy of the Eucharist**

- Watch the ushers at the back. When the gift bearers are holding the gifts, Server-**B** and **C** move to the south side of the sanctuary in anticipation of helping with the gifts.
- When Father moves to get the gifts meet him at the front and stand on the north side of him. He will hand you one of the gifts.
- Place the gift on the corporeal per the attached diagram. (Bowl in the center between the chalice and the book or the wine to the left of the bowl.).
- Go to the credence table and pick up the bowl and towel for Father to dry his hands. (If no incense A holds the towel.)

After Father prays, “Blessed be God Forever...” (Or if incense is used he will wash his hands as soon as he hands the thurible back to A)

- As soon as he finishes praying, step to the carpet so that when he turns around he may wash his hands.
- Return his simple bow go to your seats.
- When the Ministers come to the sanctuary, (...after the sign of peace). Step up to the altar carpet and wait for the empty large bowl and take it back to the credence table after Father divides the hosts into the individual.
- Kneel during the consecration
- You may hold hands with the other Servers during the Lord’s Prayer
- When Father starts communion, step up beside the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic for communion.

At the end of Communion...(when the congregation is finished)

- When the remaining Hosts are being put into the one bowl, move to the back edge of the altar carpet to be ready to clear the altar.
- Watch the minister with the Host as they leave the room. There should be **NO movement** during this time.
- As soon as the minister has left the room, move to the altar to clear the table. Remove everything or take what is handed to you back to the credence table. Place the Sacramentary on the bench.

**The Concluding Rites** (end of Mass):

**Greeting, Blessing, Announcements, Dismissal, Recessional**

- During the announcements, retrieve the crucifix. Stand on the north side of the sanctuary.
- As Father moves to the front move to meet him in front.
- DO NOT bow when he bows
- You will lead the procession. If there is a thurifer, you will be second in the procession
- Walk at a reverent pace, holding the crucifix with both hands with your hands at your chest

Once the congregation leaves the church...

- Wait until the final song is finished before returning the thurible to the sanctuary

**After Mass**

- Do not disrobe
- Wait until the song is finished before returning the Crucifix to the sanctuary
- Put out the candles by using a taper
- Once all the chores are done, you can disrobe and hang your garments in the closet
- Do not re-hang soiled or damaged garments.

## Server T: Thurifer (Mass with Thurible / Incense)

### Before Mass

- No later than 15 minutes before mass light **three** charcoals for the thurible. If the charcoals are not ready at 10 minutes till the incense will not be used as the incense will not burn.
- Check to make sure there is enough incense in the boat. Do not put incense in the thurible, only the priest does that.
- Place the thurible stand outside the working sacristy door
- Use the door stop and prop the right-hand side of the outside door open about 3 inches (to avoid the smoke alarm from going off)
- Return to the sacristy to join in the pre-mass sacristy prayer with the other ministers.
- Immediately after the prayer, go for the thurible and incense boat. Wait inside the copper doors.

### The Introductory Rites:

#### **Entrance, Greeting, Sprinkling or Penitential Rite, Kyrie, Gloria and Opening Prayer**

- Father places incense in the thurible. Either when he tells you to go or the congregation begins to sing the words of the opening song. Lead the procession.
- Walk at a reverent pace gently swinging the thurible
- When you get to the front of the Altar you will stand on the **right** orange stripe.
- Bow when the priest bows in reverence to the Altar of Sacrifice.
- Walk to the back of the altar with Father. Hand him the thurible and step back behind the carpet to wait.
- When he is finished incensing the altar he hands the thurible back to you. Take it to its stand and return to your seat. You will sit closest to the choir.
- Stand at your chair, open your hymn book and sing

### The Liturgy of the Word :

#### **First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Creed, and Intercessions**

- At the end of the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm is sung from the ambo. When the cantor is finished and moves back to the choir (before the second reading) go get the thurible and incense boat. As the second lector moves away from the ambo, move to the north side of the sanctuary.
- As the Gospel Acclamation (...Alleluia Alleluia) begins, move directly to the priest at his chair . He will put incense in the thurible.
- Swinging the thurible, you then lead the priest to the front of the altar so that he may pick up the Book of the Gospels.
  
- After he has shown the Book to the congregation, turn and lead him to the ambo. Stand behind the carpet and be ready to hand him the thurible.
- When he hands it back step back... out of the way and gently swing the thurible while he reads.
- After he has finished the Gospel (...The Word of the Lord), take the thurible back to its stand.
- Drop **one more unlit charcoal** into the thurible and return to your seat.

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

### **Offertory, Preparation of the Altar and Gifts, Liturgy of the Eucharist**

- At the end of the Intercessions, go for the thurible. Wait on the north side of the sanctuary.
- When Father stands up to collect the gifts, move to the back edge of the altar carpet.
- Father will turn and take the incense from you, bless the altar and gifts and then return the thurible to you.
- When he hands it back, return it to its stand. Return to your seat.

Father prays, "Blessed be God Forever..."

- Kneel during the consecration
- You may hold hands with the other Servers during the Lord's Prayer
- When Father serves someone else communion, step up on the sanctuary and stand with the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

At the end of Communion...(when the congregation is finished)

- When the remaining Hosts are being put into the one bowl, move to the back edge of the altar carpet to be ready to clear the altar.
- Watch the minister with the Host as they leave the room. There should be **NO movement** during this time.
- As soon as the minister has passed through the door, turn and remove or take everything from the altar. The Sacramentary returns to the bench.

### **Concluding Rites** (end of Mass):

#### **Greeting, Blessing, Announcements, Dismissal, Recessional**

- During the announcements, retrieve the thurible and incense boat and stand on the north side of the Sanctuary. Wait without swinging the thurible.
- As the priest moves to in front of the altar, come around and stand on the orange floor stripe. The same side as when you entered at the beginning of mass.
- Bow together with Father
- Recess in the same order you came in; lead out at the priest's signal or when he turns. Walk at the same pace as you entered the church.
- There is no need to swing the thurible... there is no incense in it.

### **After Mass**

- Do not disrobe
- Wait until the final song is finished before returning the thurible to the sanctuary
- Empty the ashes from the thurible into the copper sand pot. Seal the charcoal into the Ziplock bag.
- Close the outside door and place the thurible stand inside the work sacristy.
- Once all the chores are done, you can disrobe. Re-hang all garments. Do not re-hang soiled or damaged garments.

## **Special Occasions**

Occasionally there are special blessings or rites that take place during the Mass as well. Not all of them are detailed here and specific instruction will be given to the servers before the Mass begins should it be an uncommon event. The most common special occasions are detailed below.

### **Renewal of Wedding Vows**

A renewal of vows takes place immediately following the homily and before the Profession of Faith. The credence table should have a small bouquet of flowers and a buttoner sitting on it. Whichever server is sitting closest to the credence table is responsible for them.

After the homily, there will be a brief pause while Father sits. Once he stands, the server should go to the credence table and gather the bouquet and buttoner and walk around the sanctuary to meet Father in front of the altar. Father should have the Book of Blessings next to him already before Mass, if he does not; B should give him the book once he stands.

Father will give a brief introduction about the couple and then turn to the server. The bouquet and buttoner are to be given to Father one at a time who will then present them to the couple. Once they are given to Father, the server should step away slightly to be present if needed but out of the way. Father may turn and give the book to the server who will then hold it open for Father during the blessing. After the blessing, if the server does not already have it, Father will hand the book to the server who will place it on the credence table and then return to their chair.

### **Special Blessings**

There are several other occasions where a blessing is given over a group or an individual. These almost all occur at the end of Mass. If Father requires a server, it will be B.

After the announcements are completed, Father will walk to the front of the sanctuary. B should pick up the Book of Blessings, walk around the sanctuary and meet Father in front of the altar. Father will give a brief explanation as to the nature of the blessing and then turn to the server. The server holds the book for Father until the blessing is complete and once Father moves back to his chair the server returns to theirs.

### **Vocations Crucifix**

The Vocations Crucifix is given to a family every month to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is presented to the family at the end of announcements. The server seated closest to the credence table is responsible for it.

After the last announcement, Father will walk to the front of the sanctuary and invite the family forward. The server should then go to the credence table and take the crucifix around the sanctuary to the front of the altar and meet Father there.

Father will take the crucifix from the server and present it to the family. The server should then stand back so as to be present if needed but out of the focus of attention. Father will then give a blessing over the family. Once the blessing is complete, the server should return to their chair.

## Miscellaneous Procedures

- All servers are to be vested 15 minutes before Mass begins. 10 minutes before Mass, if no server is present, the slot is considered open and may be filled by another volunteer. Servers may come to the sacristy to see if they are needed at or after this time, but are not permitted to “hang out” in the sacristy before Mass.
- If a server requires assistance vesting it is preferable that servers assist one another and not require outside aid at all if possible so as to minimize crowding the sacristy.
- If incense is to be used at Mass, the charcoal is to be lit 15 minutes before Mass begins. Once the charcoal is lit, the thurifer is to gently swing the thurible for a few minutes in the back sacristy to keep the air flowing over the coals. Five minutes before Mass begins, they may come to the narthex and stand out of the way to keep the smoke from bothering people. They are not to enter the sacristy for the same reason.
- After Mass, the crucifer should place the crucifix on its stand and take one of the candlesnuffers and extinguish the candles. The snuffer should only lightly touch the brass topper (“follower”) to prevent the candle from breaking or becoming deformed.

## Various Seasonal Changes

### Advent

During the season of Advent, the Gloria is not said.

On the First Sunday of Advent, the advent wreath will be lit during the Mass; the following three weeks will have the candles lit before Mass begins.

### Christmas

Incense is usually used throughout the Christmas season.

### Lent

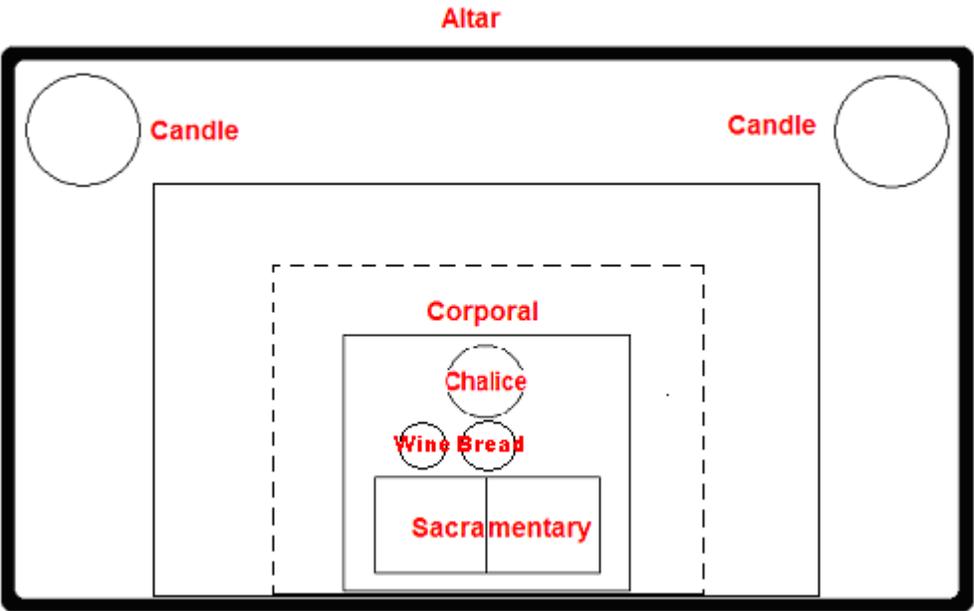
During the season of Lent, the Gloria is not said.

There are special Masses during and around the Lenten season that will not be covered in this manual because of their intricacy and the need for individual, personal training beforehand. Ash Wednesday and the Easter Triduum are handled on an individual basis with specific servers selected for their ability to serve well at the Masses and their adaptability.

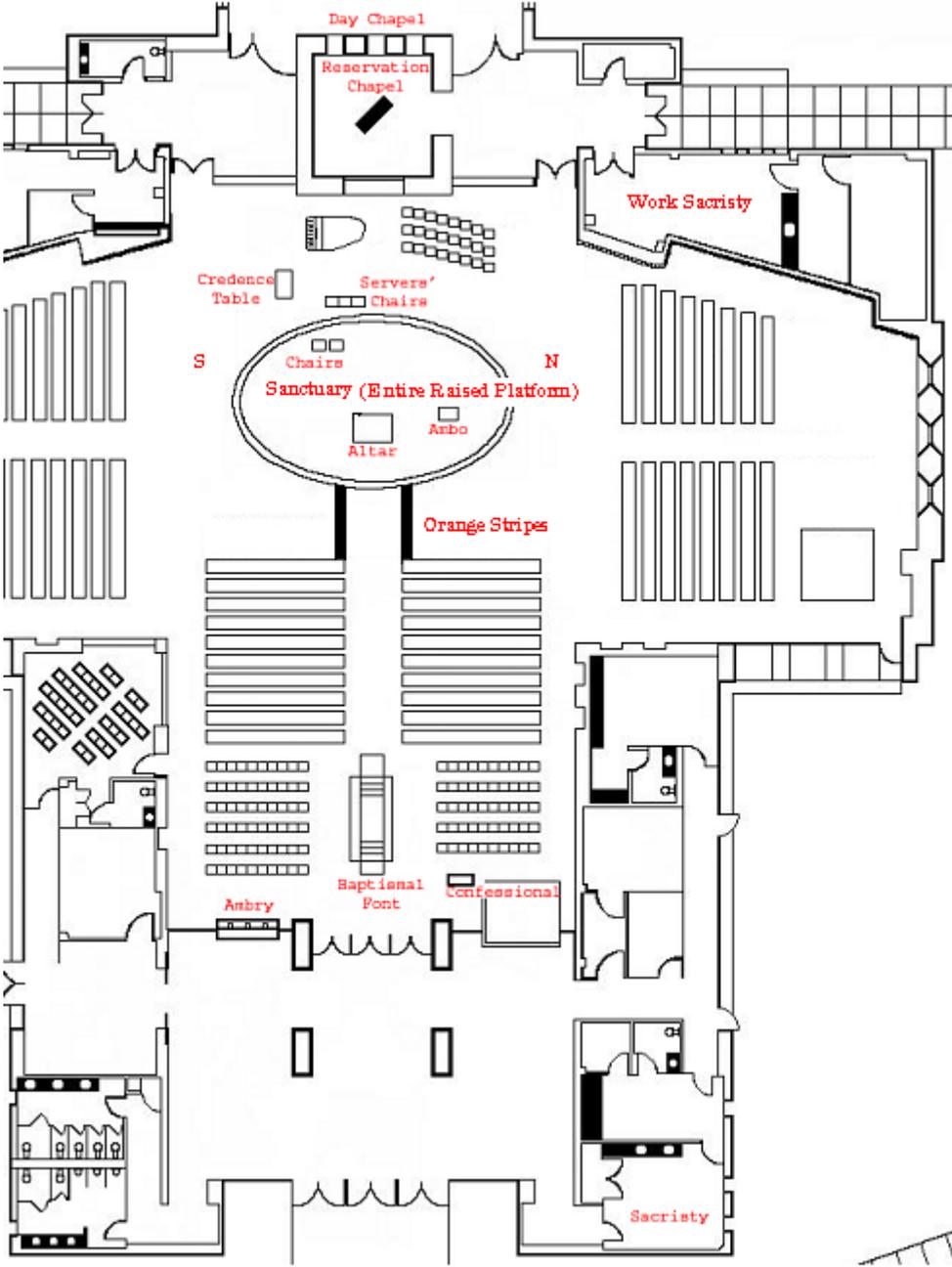
### Easter

As with the Christmas season, the Sprinkling Rite replaces the Penitential Rite and the Kyrie during the Easter season. During this season, a small brass vessel and the aspergerium should be next to Father’s chair. Incense is usually used throughout the Easter season.

**Thank you all for your service to the parish!**



Floor Plan of St. John Vianey



## Liturgical Vestments

### Priest:

*Alb* – A white or off-white robe worn over a priest's clerics.

*Cincture* – A cord or band worn around the waist of the alb.

*Stole* – A liturgically colored cloth worn over both shoulders of the priest.

*Chasuble* – A liturgically colored tunic worn by priests over their alb and stole.

*Cope* – A vestment similar to a chasuble that is worn for Benediction and Eucharistic processions.

*Humeral Veil* – A shoulder cape that is used during Exposition and Benediction for carrying the monstrance.

### Deacon:

*Alb* – A white or off-white robe worn over the deacon's clothes.

*Cincture* – A cord or band worn around the waist of the alb.

*Stole* – A liturgically colored cloth worn over the right shoulder that attaches to the left side of the waist of a deacon.

*Dalmatic* – A liturgically colored tunic worn by deacons over their alb and stole.

### Acolyte:

*Alb* – A white or off-white robe worn over the acolyte's clothes.

*Cincture* – A cord or band worn around the waist of the alb.

### Servers:

*Cassock* – A black clerical robe worn over a priest's, transitional deacon's or acolyte's clothing.

*Surplice* – A white, short tunic worn over the cassock.

## Glossary of Terms

### *Ciborium (Ciboria, pl)*

Low, bowl-shaped vessel that is used to hold the Hosts for Communion. They are either “Open” if they need no cover or “Closed” if they do.

### *Paten*

A flat, plate-shaped vessel that is used to hold the Hosts for Communion. There are also versions that have a handle which are held under the chin of the communicant to prevent the Host from falling.

### *Chalice*

A golden cup with a stem, used for distributing the Sacred Blood during Communion.

### *Decanter/Flagon*

A large vessel used to bring the wine to the altar to be consecrated.

### *Cruet*

A small vessel used to bring the wine and the water to the altar.

### *Lavabo*

The finger bowl that the priest uses during the preparation of the altar.

### *Corporal*

A square piece of cloth that goes on top of the altar cloth. Everything that sits on the corporal is consecrated and that which does not is not.

### *Purificator*

A cloth used to wipe the chalices after communicants have received and used to clean up spills involving the Sacred Blood or a Host.

### *Pall*

A stiff cloth-covered board that covers the chalice.

### *Pyx*

A small, golden container which is used to transport a Host to those who cannot receive at the Mass due to illness or age.

### *Monstrance*

A stand, usually designed as a sunburst or a cross that holds a Host for Adoration and Benediction.

### *Aspergerium (sp)*

A small device used to sprinkle objects and people with Holy Water.

### *Thurible/Censor*

A device suspended from one or several chains that contains burning incense.

### *Boat*

A small vessel which contains the incense for the thurible.

### *Sacramentary*

The book which contains the Order of the Mass.

### *Lectionary*

The book which contains the readings and the gospels for the day.

### *Missal*

The book which contains both the Sacramentary and the Lectionary.

### *Book of the Gospels*

The book which contains the Gospels for the day.