

Server Church Tour

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Work Sacristy

This is where you check-in. You should do this before putting on your vestments so that the Liturgy Coordinator knows you have arrived.

This is also where the processional candles will be lit.

This is where you will find
purificators and corporals
thuribles, boat, incense and charcoal
cups, bowls and flagons
tapers, matches, lighters
sound and light systems
the Lectionary and Book of the Gospels

Narthex

This is where the people gather before and after Mass and greet each other. The processional cross is held in a stand in the narthex between masses.

Vesting Sacristy

This is where you will hang up your coat and put on your vestments. The long white robe is the alb and it is tied with a belt called a cincture. Special instructions will be posted here. Always check to see if there are any. Be sure to hang up your alb neatly and in the proper place when you take off your vestments after Mass.

This is where you will find:

holy water bucket and aspergillum
shell used in sprinkling

Church Doors

This is where we welcome people to come inside: parishioners and visitors, babies to be baptized, and the bodies of Christians who have died. This is where the entrance procession for Mass begins.

Baptismal Font

People put their hand in the water in the font and make the sign of the cross. Our parents brought us to a baptismal font when we were babies. Through the holy water we are born again and become children of God, Christians and members of the church. The candle is the Easter candle also known as the Paschal candle. This is a holy place. Remember this when you walk by.

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Ambry

The ambry contains the holy oils. These oils are used to anoint the sick and to anoint those to be baptized and confirmed.

Gifts Table

This table is located in one of the aisles during Mass. It holds the bread, wine and water before it is presented at the altar.

Reconciliation Chapel

This is where the sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated.

Sanctuary

This is the space around the altar and ambo. The word comes from a Latin word and means 'holy place'.

Altar

Around this table we gather to remember Jesus and to celebrate the Eucharist. It should always be treated with respect. The presider, servers and other liturgical ministers show respect to Christ by bowing when passing in front of the altar.

Ambo

This is the holy place where God's word is proclaimed by the lector and the presider or deacon. The general intercessions are also read from here.

Credence table

This is the table in the sanctuary that holds the corporal, chalice, purificators, cups, bowl patens, water pitcher and bowl and hand towel.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel/Tabernacle

The Tabernacle is found in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament that has not been eaten during the Mass is held in the Tabernacle and is taken to the sick and elderly who are not able to attend Mass. The lit sanctuary lamp indicates Christ's presence in the chapel. You should genuflect in front of the tabernacle.