I notice that the priests wear different colored robes. Do these colors have special meaning?

Yes...

**White**, the color of joy and victory, is a festive color and is used for the seasons of Easter and Christmas. It is also used for the feasts of Our Lord, Mary, All Saints, Chair of Peter, Conversion of Paul, the Nativity of John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, the angels, and for saints who are not martyrs. It is also a reminder of the resurrection, and can therefore be used at funerals where purple or black may also be used. Gold may also be used on solemn occasions.

**Red** (the color of fire and blood) is used on the days when we celebrate the passion of Jesus, Passion (Palm) Sunday and Good Friday. It is also used for the birth feasts of the apostles and evangelists and for the celebrations of martyrs. Red (the color of fire) recalls the Holy Spirit and is used on Pentecost and for the sacrament of Confirmation.

**Green**, seen everywhere in plants and trees, symbolizes life, anticipation, and hope, and is used during Ordinary Time. Ordinary does not mean ordinary in the sense of routine or basic. Ordinary means the weeks/months between the special seasons (i.e.: Christmas, Lent, Advent and Easter), as in the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It’s different from a regular calendar, but not included in the special seasons.

The colors **violet** or **purple** in Advent help us to remember that we are preparing for the coming of Christ. Lent, the season of penance, repentance, and renewal, also uses the colors violet or purple.

**Rose** is an optional color and may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. It expresses the joy of anticipation of both Christmas and Easter.

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