

Glossary

- Alb** white vestment worn by priest, the first vestment put on.
- Altar** “Lord’s Table” “Place of Sacrifice” Consecrated Table marked with five(5) crosses and containing a “Relic” of a Saint.
- Altar Candles** Stationary Candles on the Altar and next to the Tabernacle
- Altar Server** Lay person that assist the Celebrant of the Mass.
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- Ambo** the podium from with the Reading and Gospel are read.
- Aspergillum** the instrument used to sprinkle/dispense “Holy Water”.
- Boat** the container used to hold/store incense prior to use.
- Cassock** long base vestment worn by servers of the Holy Mass. Usually black, other colors by be worn depending of the “*Liturgical Calendar*” and/or *Feast*.
- Chalice** the vessel used during Mass that holds the wine that becomes the “*Blood of Christ*”.
- Chasuble** the outer vestment worn by the priest, covering all of the rest of his vestments. Various colors based on the “*Liturgical Calendar*” and/or *Feast*.
- Ciborium** the vessel with a lid that holds the host and/or “*Body of Christ*”
- Cincture** cord that is tied around the priest’s waste to secure loose fitting “Alb”.
- Collect** the opening Prayer after the “Lamb of God” and before the “Readings”
- Corporal** square white cloth, with a “cross” in the center, that is place on the Altar upon which the Chalice, Paten, and Ciborium are place during the “*Liturgy of the Eucharist*”.
- Credence Table** the located in the “Sanctuary” where articles are placed when not in use.
- Cross Bearer** “Crucifer” the person that carries the Cross to lead the Entrance and Recessional Processions
- Cruet** small vessel that contains the water and wine used during Mass
- Finger Towel** white linen used by the Priest to dry his fingers after the
(Lavabo Towel) “*Washing of his Hands*”.
- Lavabo** small bowl of water that the Priest uses for washing of his fingers.
- Lectionary** the book which contains the Gospel readings.

- Lunette** glass instrument that fit into the “Monstrance” and holds the Host visible for “Adoration”.
- Moment of Silence** times/moments designed for “*Sacred Silence*” example: at the “Collect” the Celebrant will say, “Let Us Pray” and then pause. This is a “*Moment of Silence*” to ReCollect ones thoughts and intentions for the Mass ie: Eucharistic Intention.
- Monstrance** vessel used to hold the “Lunette”.
- Narthex** the front area of the church between the main/outside entrance doors and the doors to the Nave and Sanctuary.
- Nave** the part of the church where the pews and choir are located.
- Pall** the flat square that covers the Paten and the Chalice.
- Paten** the plate shaped vessel that matches the Chalice that holds the Host which becomes the “*Body of Christ*”.
- Processional Cross** The Crucifix on a pole carried in processions.
- Purificator** the rectangular white cloth, with a “cross” in the center, that is used for the Cleansing/“Purification” of the Ciborium, Paten, and Chalice.
- Roman Missal** the book which contains the prayers that the priest uses at the altar.
- Rubric** the “written in Red” text; the rules and processes used during Mass.
- Sacristy** the room in the church where the vestments, sacred vessels, other furnishings for the Holy Mass are kept.
- Sacristan** the person in charge of setting up the Sanctuary prior to the Holy Mass and cleaning up after the Holy Mass.
- Sanctuary** the section of the church where the Altar is located.
- Sedilia** Officiating Clergy’s Chairs
- Stole** narrow vestment (about 4 inches wide) worn by the priest under his Chasuble.
- Surplice** the outer White vestment worn by servers of the Holy Mass.
- Tabernacle** Liturgical furnishing that houses the Holy Eucharist outside of the times of Mass
- Thurible** the container in which charcoal and incense are burned.
- Thurifer** the server in charge of the “Thurible”.
- Transubstantiation** the moment the the “Host” changes to the “Body of Christ” and the wine into the “Blood of Christ”.

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the Candles that are carried by the Altar Servers; Entrance, Gospel, Recession/Exit