

ALTAR BOYS

Traditional Latin Mass • Sacristy & Serving Guide

1. WEEKLY DUTIES

POLISH / CLEAN

- Altar candles
- Shrine candles
- Acolyte candles
- Benediction candles
- Thurible & boat
- Aspergillum & aspersory
- Flower vases
- Bells

TEACH BOYS SERVING

- Sunday Mass: train the MC, thurifer, Acolytes 1 & 2, CB and BB according to the parish serving system.
- Low Mass: train the single server and the Acolyte 1 / Acolyte 2 sequence where used.

WASH

- Cruets
- Lavabo
- Aspergillum: pour holy water back into the holy-water vessel, then replace it when finished.

2. SUNDAY / SOLEMN MASS DUTIES

BEFORE MASS

MC

- Change the tabernacle veil.
- Fold and remove the altar cover.
- Set up altar cards.
- Prepare the priest's vestments and chalice at the vesting table.
- Fill the cruets.
- Set up the credence table (cruets, dish, lavabo, paten and bell).

AC1

- Light altar and shrine candles.
- Uncover the relics.

AC2

- Set up the missal.
- Light altar and shrine candles.
- Uncover the relics.

AFTER MASS

MC

- Remove the chalice.
- Remove the missal and altar cards.
- Cover the altar.
- Remove the aspergillum, asperges card and boat; empty the thurible completely.

AC1

- Empty and wash the cruets and lavabo in the sacristy.

AC2

- Cover the relics.
- Snuff out the shrine and altar candles.
- Remove the missal.

3. LOW MASS DUTIES

Single server / Acolyte 1–2 sequence

BEFORE MASS

AC1

- Change the tabernacle veil.
- Fold and remove the altar cover.
- Set up altar cards.
- Prepare the priest's vestments and chalice at the vesting table.
- Fill the cruets.
- Set up the credence table (cruets, dish, lavabo, paten and bell).

AC2

- Set up the missal.
- Light altar and shrine candles.
- Uncover the relics.

AFTER MASS

AC1

- Wash the cruets and lavabo in the sacristy.
- Remove the altar cards.
- Cover the altar.

AC2

- Cover the relics.
- Snuff out the shrine and altar candles.
- Remove the missal.

4. SACRISTY SAFETY & REVERENCE

Do not handle the chalice, ciborium, paten, corporal, purificator or the inside of the ciborium unless authorised and properly trained. If unsure, ask the priest or an experienced senior server for help.

5. SACRED VESSELS & LINENS — NAMES

Chalice set	Priestly vestments
• Burse (corporal inside) • Chalice veil • Pall • Host • Paten • Purificator • Chalice • Corporal	• Amice • Alb • Cincture • Stole • Maniple • Chasuble

6. SERVING PRINCIPLE

Serve reverently, quietly and attentively. Learn the sequence before Mass, handle sacred things only as instructed, and ask when uncertain. Follow the priest's and MC's directions and the particular rubrics used by your parish.

Terminology note: this guide preserves the duties shown on the original board while standardising spelling and liturgical terminology. Exact serving assignments and rubrics can vary by parish and form of the Traditional Latin Mass.