

Incense Instructions

Before Mass

Fifteen (15) minutes before Mass starts, light the charcoal. Use the tongs, hold charcoal with the star side down and away from your body. Use wax wicks or propane lighter, do not use matches. Light charcoal from underneath until the edges turn white. Place charcoal star side up into the thurible.

For the procession, take the thurible and boat of incense to the Priest in the vestibule. Hand the boat to the Priest and raise the top of the thurible. Father will put some incense on the hot charcoal.

The thurifer leads the procession up to Altar. Do not rush. Stand on the left rear side of the Altar of Sacrifice.

Use of Incense During Mass

At Beginning of Mass

- Hand Father the thurible and he will incense the altar. He will hand it back to you, place it on the stand and go to your chair.

Gospel

- At Responsorial Psalm, go pick up thurible and come around the back to the other sacristy.
- Wait until second reading is over.
- Go to Father's chair. Hand him the boat. Open the thurible for Father to place incense onto the hot charcoal.
- Go to center of the Altar, face the center of the Altar, wait for Deacon or Priest to come to the center of the Altar and then lead him to the Ambo.
- Hand Deacon/Priest the thurible
- Once Deacon/Priest incenses the Book of the Gospels he will hand you the thurible. Stand there until Gospel is over. Once Gospel is over go through the work sacristy. Light a new charcoal and place it in the thurible. And go to your seat. (This should not take but just a few minutes)

Gifts

- When the servers go for the gifts, get the thurible and boat and stand where you stood at the beginning of Mass for the blessing of the altar.
- Hand Father the boat
- Open the thurible and he will add incense.

- Hand the thurible to Father and he will incense the altar. Make sure you are not standing too close to the altar.
 - o Without a Deacon: Father will hand you the thurible. Bow to him, incense him w/ three double-swings, then bow again.
 - o Then go to the top of the steps, bow to the people, incense them with three double-swings, bow again, and return the Thurible.
- With Deacon: Father will hand the thurible to the Deacon who will incense the people and he will give it to you when he finishes and you then return it to the stand.

Consecration (Only on Special Solemnities)

- When Father says “THE LORD BE WITH YOU” place one scoop of incense on the hot charcoal. Remain by the sacristy door until the “HOLY HOLY HOLY/HOSASNA”
- Go to second-to-top step at the center aisle in front of the Altar and kneel
- At the Consecration, when the priest raises the Body of Christ (the Host) incense three sets of three swings. Do the same when the Chalice with the Blood of Christ is raised.
- After the Great Amen is finished, take the thurible to the stand. Return immediately to your chair.

Exit Procession

- After final blessing, line at the front of the procession in the center aisle (either the second or third diamond).
- Lead the procession out when father reaches the top step.

After Mass

- Take the thurible outside to the drain/ash container (by black metal door). Empty the thurible, pour water on top of the ashes. Return everything to the work sacristy.