

Thurifer Ministry

BEFORE MASS

Sign In at Ministry Room 30 minutes before Mass

Vest

Place stand for Thurible at Baptism font.

Fill metal can half-full of water and place can on the stones outside the Commons

Light 1 charcoal 10 minutes before Mass

Light charcoal in Sacristy away from air vents.

Be careful of sparks to clothing/vestment/yourself!

Place lighted charcoal in Thurible on stand by Baptism font

Never take Thurible into Sacristy or Credence tables

Never place Thurible on Oak Table.

Fill Boat with incense

Before Mass, stand with Thurible and Boat in an open, high-ceiling space,

Stand away from air vents!

PROCESSION AND INCENSING OF ALTAR/BOOK AND CROSS

Ask Sacristan or Presider to add 1 scoop of incense as procession begins.

Incense to be added inside the worship space, near Gifts Table.

Lead procession swinging Thurifer and carrying Boat

Hold Thurible with index finger in ring, middle finger on cross

Swing smoking Thurible 160° degrees

Pace procession slowly,

Reverently leading Assembly into our prayer,

Filling the space with sweet fragrance

When arriving at steps, stand at front corner, Baptism side, facing Altar

Take care not to hit candles/plants while swinging Thurifer!

Bow head when the Presider bows.

Walk toward Baptism font, then up steps toward Presider at Altar.

Exchange Boat and Thurible with Presider.

Give your attention to the objects that the Presider incenses

Turn and step down two steps as Presider approaches to incense Cross

Receive Thurible back from Presider.

Walk down steps, place Thurible and Boat on stand near Baptism font.

Add 1 charcoal, star-side down, using tongs.

Sit with Altar Servers, using stairs behind Baptism font

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND INCENSING OF BOOK OF GOSPELS

At start of Gospel Acclamation, walk down stairs behind Baptism font
Remove Thurible and Boat from stand
Return to Sanctuary using same steps, stand behind Baptism font
When the Presider arrives at the Ambo with Book of Gospels, go to his right side.
Exchange Boat and Thurible with Presider
Give your attention to the Book of the Gospel while it is being incensed
Receive Thurible back from Presider
Step back to a location behind and to the right of Presider,
Swing Thurible throughout Gospel reading
Give your attention to the proclamation of Gospel
After "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ", return Thurible and Boat to stand
Add 1 charcoal, star-side down, using tongs
Return to your seat with Altar Servers

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

When the Presider and Altar Servers go to receive the Gifts,
Remove Thurible and Boat from stand
After the Altar Servers receive the gifts,
Stand with the Baptistry-side Altar Server, near the Cross
After the Presider has given the water cruet to Altar Server,
Exchange Thurible and Boat with Presider
Give your attention to the Gifts and Altar while they are being incensed
Receive Thurible back from Presider
Return Thurible and Boat to stand
Return to your seat with the Altar Servers

RECESSION

When the Presider leaves the Chair
Add 1 scoop of incense to Thurifer
Take Thurible and Boat and stand at front corner Baptism side,
swinging Thurible carefully
Slight bow of head when Presider bows
Lead recession at a faster pace than was done for the procession,
(normal walking pace)
Leading assembly into their mission for Christ in the world

AFTER MASS

Dispose of charcoals and excess incense in Thurible
Empty Thurible contents into metal can of water outside the building
Be certain that charcoals are completely extinguished!!!
Return Thurible and Boat to bathroom in Vesting Room
Return stand, unless needed at the next Mass
Empty metal can of extinguished charcoal & water onto rocks
Empty can ONLY after charcoal is completely extinguished!
Return metal can to Sacristy.