

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 33; Altar Setup

After the Creed and Intercessions, for which we used a standing posture of prayer, we sit down while the preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist take place. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “Before Jesus sat down with his disciples to celebrate the Last Supper, he instructed that various preparations be made. Preparations such as securing and preparing a room, making bread and purchasing wine all needed to be done before this sacred event could take place. The same is true when we celebrate Mass... Typically, there is music during the preparations—either instrumental, by the choir, or a common hymn. The music at this point should assist in our proximate preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 11). Since we are about to participate in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, music can help us be more prayerfully prepared and in the right mindset. Have you ever noticed that songs at this point in the Mass are often slower in tempo and more flowing in words? No doubt, this is to help prepare us for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Singing and listening to meditation-type music can help us prepare to pray and meditate on the most beautiful mystery in front of us: Jesus Christ’s one perfect sacrifice before the Father is made present to his spouse, the Church, and the bread and the wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

In complement to the preparation for the people, what about everything the celebrant and the servers are doing in the sanctuary? The General Instruction for the Roman Missal reminds us that certain items are needed for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (GIRM, 117–118). *Let’s take a quick look at each material:*

1. Two to six lighted candles

2. A crucifix on or near the altar (the altar should be covered by a white cloth)

3. **The Missal** (the big red book with all the prayers the priest says). This book contains words in black and red ink. The words in black are the words that the priest says and the words in red are instructions for the priest on what to do (how and where to stand, how to speak, what arm gestures to use, etc.).

4. **Corporal:** This is a square white cloth that is unfolded and placed on the altar. Since it comes from the word meaning body, it makes sense that the Body and Blood of Christ will become present upon this cloth during Mass.

5. **Chalice:** This special cup is made of precious metals (generally gold-plated or silver-plated) because we use the most precious materials we have to honor Jesus truly there in his most precious Body and Blood.

6. **Purificator:** This is a long and narrower white cloth that is used to wipe the rim of the chalice.

7. **Paten:** This item which looks like a small plate is also generally gold-plated or silver-plated and is used for the large host which the priest holds up during the Eucharistic Prayer. Note: In some places, you might see a deeper gold-plated dish used which is typically called a dish paten.

8. **Ciborium:** This is another gold or silver-plated item that has a matching lid and which holds the smaller hosts. When hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, they are typically kept in a ciborium.

There are other materials you might see depending on the local parish customs:

- **Pall:** This is a square white cloth stiffened with cardboard that is used to cover the chalice. This cover prevents flies, insects, dust, etc., from getting into the chalice.
- **Chalice veil:** This is a cloth cover for the chalice. It not only can protect the chalice when not in use, but it also helps heighten our sense of mystery by “veiling” the chalice from our sight until the time for the Most Blessed Sacrament draws near. Chalice veils can match the color of the priest’s vestments or can always be white in color.
- **Burse:** This “pouch,” which often matches the chalice veil/vestments in color, is placed on top of the chalice veil and is used for the keeping of corporals.
- **Communion patens:** Plates with handles that the servers hold during Communion. These patens are meant to help catch any particles of the Eucharist which may fall from a Host or help to catch a Host which accidentally falls.

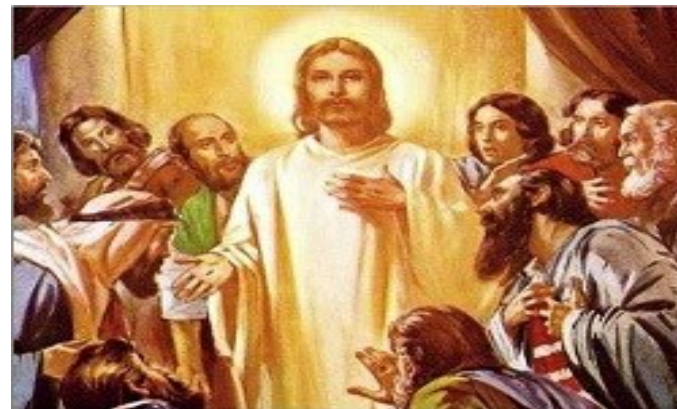
As you can see, there are many items we use for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, each with purpose and meaning. No wonder the altar servers sometimes seem to be reviewing a checklist in their minds to make sure we have everything we need!

For Reflection:

1. Next time you participate in Mass, pay more attention to the preparation of the altar. While remaining prayerful, see if you can identify the materials Father Luke described and see what role each plays as the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues.
2. 2. Reflect on an excerpt from St. Thérèse of Lisieux’s My Longings before Jesus Hidden in his Prison of Love (featured in the Heart of the Revival newsletter on December 1, 2022), in which she compares herself to various materials used in relation to the Eucharist.

This article was written by: Fr. Luke Spannagel and posted on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog website.

Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



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WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY (Vigil) 5:30PM
SUNDAY (en Español) 8:00AM
10:00AM & 12:00PM
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday (en Español) **5:30PM**
Wednesday–Friday **8:30AM**
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM
Friday Daily Mass 6:30PM

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español)
Thursdays 7:00PM (English)
R.E. building

LA HORA DE DIOS PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us?
Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish.
If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office.
For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

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"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.
Luke 24:46-47

SATURDAY April 13, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Nicanora Valdez (Daughters)

†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)

†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)

†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

SUNDAY April 14, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Jose Javier Mendoza, †Pedro Cardoza (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Noemi Obregon (Rogelio & Sylvia Zuniga)

†Ernest, †Roy, †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)

†Anselmo, †Guadalupe †Anselmo Jr Sanchez, †Loy Avila

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)

†Adrian G. Flores (Family)

†Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)

Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

TUESDAY April 16, 2024

5:30PM: Special Intentions for Joshua Martinez

WEDNESDAY April 17, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Joe & Victoria Martinez

THURSDAY April 18, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Ana Anaya

FRIDAY April 19, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Christina Reyna

SATURDAY April 20, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Will Silva (Friends)

†Alvaro Lopez Sr. (Juan & Rosario Cantu)

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)

†Concepcion, †Ester, †David Rangel (Family)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez (Family)

SUNDAY April 21, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Juan Manuel Lozano (Family)

†Ernest Chapa Jr (Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Fidel Labeaga (Genoveva Labeaga)

†Jose Javier Mendoza, †Pedro Cardoza (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Cora Hernandez (Marcos & Elsa Ortiz)

†Anselmo, †Guadalupe †Anselmo Jr Sanchez, †Loy Avila

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)

†Adrian G. Flores (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,623.00
Loose Collection	\$1,742.00
Children’s Collection	\$55.00
Building Fund	\$741.00
Online Giving	\$110.00
Collection Total - April 6/7	\$4,271.00

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.
May God bless you now and forever.

Special Collections for the Month of April
 20/21 - Retired & Infirm Priests
 27/28 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Valerie Aleman,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	Johnny Pereida,
Guadalupe G Alvarado,	Jorge Hernandez,	Elva Rivera,
Victoria Arredondo,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,
Paula Avila,	Mr. Kalich	Julia Rodriguez,
Rosa Barrera,	Jerry Lopez Sr.,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Estevan Cantu Jr.,	Raul Lucio,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Elisa Claudio,	Teresa Lucio,	San Juanita Saenz,
Johnny Cruz,	Jose Antonio Lopez Jr,	Bernice Sanchez,
Sandra Davila,	Jaime Jimenez,	Adan Salazar,
Dominic DeLeon,	Margie Medina	Armando Salazar,
Nora Dishman,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Gracie Salazar,
Yvonne Ellison,	Alejandro Mora,	Stephanie Salazar,
Adela Escobedo,	Anastacio Mora,	Raymond Smith,
Adan Flores Jr.	Noemilio Mora,	B Solis,
Aurora Flores,	Augustin Moreno III,	Dora Tagle,
Chris Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Gloria Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Carmen Ortiz,	Joe Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Yvonne Ortiz,	Sara Treviño,
Juanita Flores,	Anita Peña,	Ramona Vasquez,
Jesus Garza Jr.,	Emilio Peña Sr.,	Alex Zambrano Sr.,
Xavier A. Gallegos,	Luis Peña Jr.,	Alex Zambrano Jr.,
Violet Guerrero,	Ramiro Peña,	Gerri Zambrano

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Apr. 20 Sun. Apr. 21	Lector	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM		Louis
8:00AM	Esteban	Amparo
10:00AM	Brenda	Ophelia
12:00PM	Alma	Lupe A.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today’s selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in “Jesus Christ the righteous one” (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to “repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ “expiation for our sins” (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with “Peace” and urges them to preach “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Edward & Angelica Lara
Juan & Josie Flores

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

We are called to repent for our sins, so spend time reflecting on areas in your life that need God’s forgiveness and healing. Find a parish in your area that offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation and go receive that grace this week.

CREER EN JESUCRISTO

Durante todo el Tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía.

Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana; sin embargo, hacen hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en “Jesucristo, el Justo” (1 Juan 2:2). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos “arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados” (Hechos 3:19). La primera carta del apóstol san Juan dice que Jesucristo es “víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados” (1 Juan 2:2). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: “Paz” y los insta a predicar “la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados” (Lucas 24:47).

BAPTISMAL CLASS

We will be having our next baptismal class here on **Thursday, April 18th at 7pm.**

To attend the class you must register at the parish office.

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes for the Mother’s Day Novena are located in the Entrance of the Church and in your offering envelope mail-outs. The Novena will begin on Sunday, May 12th (Mother’s Day) During the Nine days Masses will be offered for All Mother’s Living or Deceased.

2024 Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal Report

Immaculate Conception - Gregory as of 4/5/24

Goal	\$14,017
Pledged	\$3,350
Recurring Gifts Projected	\$1,950
Pledged Recurring Gifts Expected	\$5,300
% of Goal Pledged	38%
Difference from Goal	(\$8,717)
Collected	\$2,850
% of Goal Collected	20%
Difference from Goal collected	(\$11,167)
Donors	16
Registered Households	466
% participation	3%

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.