

What are the items used at Mass?

Practical guide of the objects used at the altar  CatholicLink

Chalice



A large cup used to hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.

Purificator



A white cloth that the priest uses to cleanse the chalice.

Ciborium



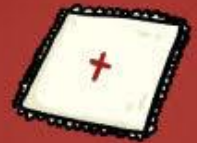
It is used to hold the Hosts which will be used for communion.

Corporal



A linen cloth on which the vessels (with bread and wine) are placed.

Pall



It is a stiff, square, white cover that is placed over the chalice.

Host and paten



The host is placed in the paten (a saucer-like disk).

Lavabo and manuterge



They are used by the priest to wash his hands during Mass.

Cruets



Small vessels that hold the water and wine.

Roman Missal



It contains the prayers, chants and instructions for the Mass.

Candles and crucifix



It reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ, Light of the World.

Tabernacle

Altar

Minister of
Blood of Christ
Mary's Side

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Body of Christ
Mary's Side

Minister of
Body of Christ
Center

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Joseph's Side

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When the Celebrant has consumed the Body & Blood of Christ the ministers should meet at the bottom of the steps, bow together, proceed up the steps, stand in a row (in order noted above) facing the altar to receive Holy Communion. After the priest gives you the bowl paten, ciborium, or chalice, proceed to your designated location at the base of the steps. When distributing the Body of Christ be sure each person immediately consumes.