

To learn more about how you can become a Sacristan

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you

From the malicious enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come to you,

that with your saints I may praise you

forever and ever. Amen



SACRISTANS

for Daily Mass and Other Services



SAINT CLARE

Catholic Church 1950 Junction Blvd Roseville, CA 95747

The Sacristan Ministry

The Sacristan is a lay person who "diligently arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things that are necessary for the celebration of Mass (GIRM, No. 105a). Working from the sacristy, he or she should be well-trained in the complexities of the liturgical actions, as well as those of special Masses or those of greater solemnity, so as to make appropriate provisions.

Duties of the Sacristan Daily Masses

(Monday through Saturday at 7:30am)

- (1) You will be issued a card key to turn off the security system and unlock the doors to the church and restrooms.
- (2) In the vestry, you will put out the Mass Missal and Lector book for the priest to preview before bringing them to the altar and ambo.
- (3) Turn on the sound system and switch on the lights for "Infant of Prague and Virgin of Guadalupe".
- (4) Check the tabernacle and estimate the number of consecrated hosts.
- (5) Set up for Mass: chalices, purificators, corporal, 2 small lavabo bowls and water cruet, 1 lavabo, 1 small towel.

- (6) Put a large host and extra small hosts, if needed, on a patent or in a small ciborium. Fill a flagon with sufficient wine and place them on the baptismal font.
- (7) Before Mass, select two from the congregation to bring up the gifts after the "Prayer of the Faithful".
- (8) Turn on church inside lights, light candles near ambo and two candles on the altar.
- (9) Serve at Mass
 - a. At the beginning of Mass, you will announce the entrance antiphon or song, recite the Mass intention for the day and introduce presider if visiting priest.
 - b. After "Prayers of the Faithful", take chalices, homebound tray, lavabo bowl and water cruet to altar.

 Proceed with the priest to receive the gifts.
 - c. Leave water cruet on the altar during communion so the priest may purify the vessels.
- (10) After Mass, return books to the vestry, extinguish candles, turn off sound system and church lights.

The Sacristan's duties at other services may include any of the duties listed above as well as preparing the censer, holy water, the cope, humeral veil, the funeral pall and others.

Questions You May Have

What qualifications are necessary to become a sacristan?

Ideally the qualified candidate will have spent some time as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and as a Lead EMHC.

What kind of training can I expect?

You will be assigned an experienced Sacristan to shadow for a few Masses. Once it is determined you are confident in your ability to perform the duties, you will conclude your training.

How often would I be asked to serve?

Likely no more than once per week at Daily Mass or at Funerals, Weddings, Quinceañeras, or Eucharistic Adoration.

