

Altar Server Recognition of Liturgical Items

Alb

Traditional vestment worn by

- Altar Servers and
- *Female* Cross-Book Bearers



Cassock

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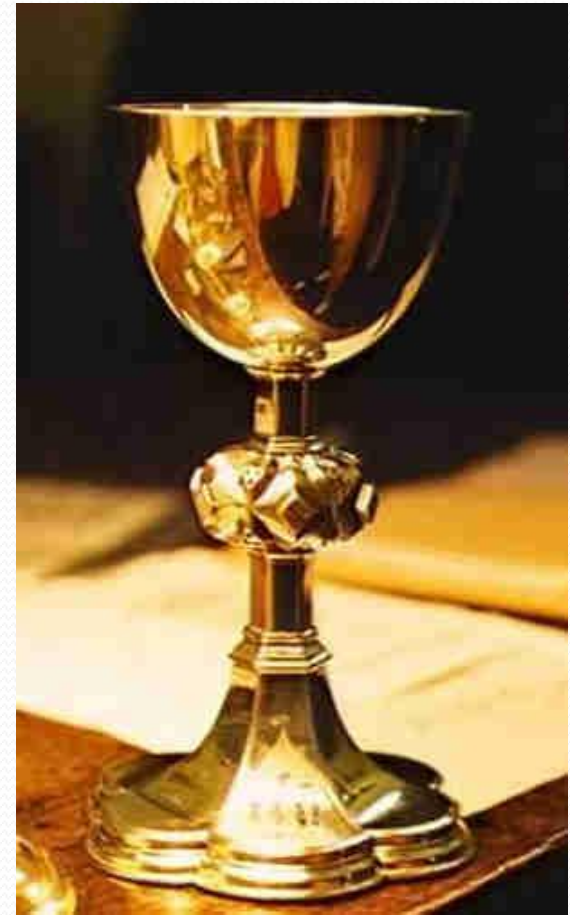
- *Male* Cross-Book Bearers



Chalice

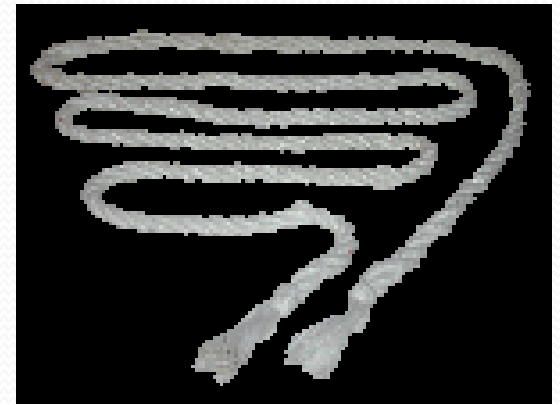
Usually made from precious metal(s).

- Holds the mixture of water and wine which later becomes the Blood of Christ



Cincture

A rope-like belt that ties around the waist of the alb.



Ciborium (with lid)

Usually made from precious metal(s).

- Holds the bread which later becomes the Body of Christ
- Plural is *ciboria*



Corporal

A square altar linen

- It's the *tablecloth* for the Altar.
- It usually comes to the Altar on top of the Priest's Chalice



Credence Table

Contains the items which will be brought to the Altar during Mass.

Also contains the water pitcher, basin and towel for washing of the Presider's hands.



Cruets

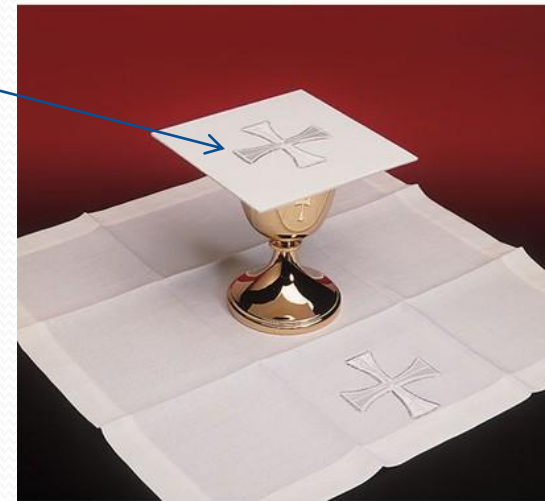
Contain the water and wine that will be used in the sacrifice of the Mass.



Pall

The pall is a square hard piece of linen.

- It is placed on top of the Chalice to keep dust out during Mass.



Paten

Usually made of precious metal(s).

- A small *dish* that holds a single piece of bread that becomes the Body of Christ.



Purificator(s)

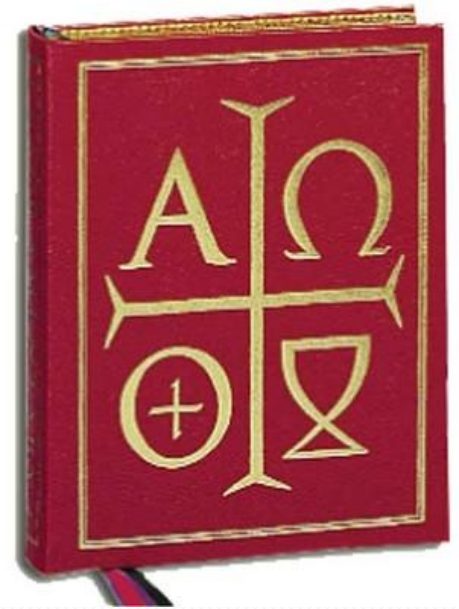
Rectangular *napkins* that are used to wipe the Chalice or Communion Cups and clean up any spills of the Precious Blood of Christ.



Sacramentary

The book of prayers for the Mass.

- The Cross-Book Bearer usually handles this book.



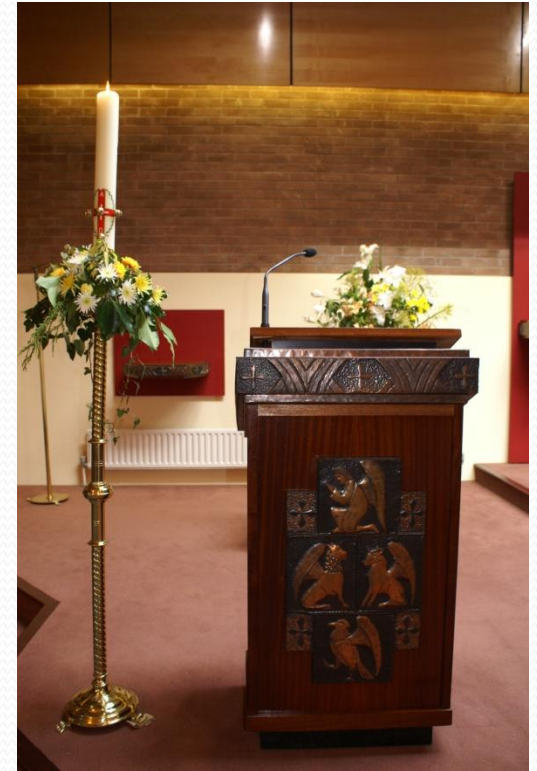
Surplice

White *garment* that is worn on top of a cassock.



Ambo

The *podium* or *stand* from which the readings are proclaimed.



Tabernacle and Tabernacle Candle

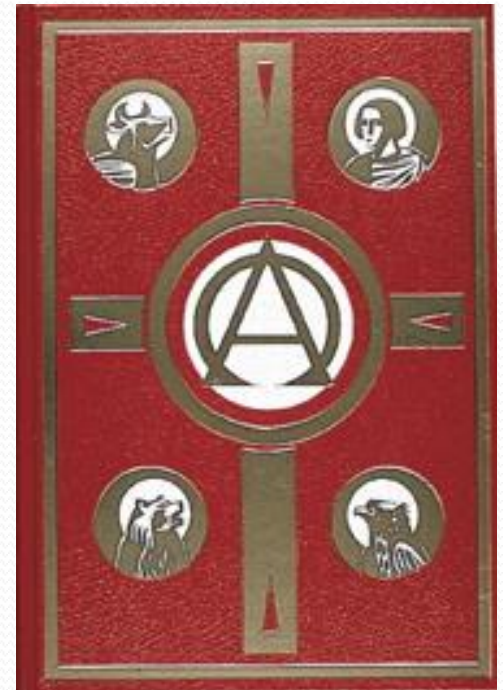
The Tabernacle is where the pieces of the Body of Christ that are not used are stored for later use!



Book of the Gospels

Usually carried by the Deacon.

- This is the text from which the Gospel is proclaimed



Communion Cup

Usually made from precious metal(s).

- Will contain the Blood of Christ.
- Less fancy than the Priest's Chalice



Sanctuary

Contains the altar, tabernacle and its candle, and the ambo.



Burse

A cover for the *corporal*.

- We don't use this very often.



Chalice Veil

It covers the Chalice before and after its use.



Chasuble

Outer vestment worn by a priest or Bishop.



Humeral Veil

A cape-like garment that a Priest uses during Benedictions.



Monstrance and Luna

Used to display the Precious
Body of Christ during
Adoration and Benediction



Stole

A very long *scarf-like* piece of cloth that is the mark of the priestly office.



Thurible and Boat

The *boat* contains incense which is spooned into the *thurible* containing hot coals. This makes the incense smoke you see at special Masses.

