

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts / Preparation of the Altar:

After the Prayer of the Faithful is completed, the priest will say a prayer before the ushers start the collection. After the conclusion of this prayer. The Server of the Cross, will put the Roman Missal on the Altar. This server will then carry the cross to the back of the Church in order to lead the procession for the Presentation of the Gifts. If there is a fourth server this server can place the Roman Missal on the altar, and be responsible for removing it at the completion of the consecration, and before the communion.



The candle bearers can now prepare the Altar. One server will light the candles at the altar **before** extinguishing the candles at the Ambo. The wooden stand which held the Book of Gospels is removed from the altar and put on the credence table

Dressing the altar: (Place all items on the corporal)

- a. The corporal used at Savio covers the entire altar. The corporal is the square cloth placed over the alter cloth, and is embroidered with a cross
- b. Place the Chalice in the top left part of the corporal, make sure the chalice is covered by the pall
- c. Put the purificator on the corporal, next to the chalice
- d. Put the water cruet on the left side of the corporal
- e. Put the Roman Missal on the corporal, at the bottom right corner
- f. Light the two candles at either corner of the Altar



Figure 1 the Chalice, Pall and Purificator

SPECIAL NOTE: If a Deacon is present, he will take the responsibility of preparing the Altar. You can place the Chalice and the Cruet on the left edge of the Altar and the Deacon will "Dress the Altar".

The wine and unconsecrated hosts, and the collection basket is brought to the altar by members of the assembly, led by the Crucifix. The Crucifix is placed back into the stand behind the Altar. The server can return to his seat.

The priest and the candle bearers meet the procession at the bottom step of the sanctuary. The priest will take the wine and hand it to one of the servers. He will do the same with the dish containing the unconsecrated hosts. After the priest thanks the people who presented the Gifts he will return to the altar.

If a Deacon is present, he will also greet the offertory procession, and help receive the Gifts. **Be prepared to take your instructions from the Deacon.**

The servers will place the wine and hosts on the corporal; the ciborium containing the unconsecrated hosts in the top center of the corporal, and the wine cruet at the top right of the corporal, (*see figure 12*), they will go to the credence table to get the Bowl, and finger towel.

[Then, after the priest has washed his hands and the music is finished, he invites the people to join in prayer:]

Washing of the priest's hands

One server will hold the Bowl; the other will take the finger towel and put it over their **LEFT ARM**, stand to the left of the server holding the Bowl and walk towards the altar. The server holding the towel will take the water cruet from the altar and pour water over the priest fingers. The priest will take the towel himself, dry his hands, and place it over the left arm of the server holding the cruet. He will bow to the servers, they will return this bow, and then they return the cruet, towel, and bowl to the credence table.