

Sacristan

Purpose: A liturgical function is also exercised by the sacristan, who diligently arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things that are necessary for the celebration of Mass. The holy preparations in which Sacristans are entrusted are the basic framework for the beautiful and sacred objects that are used and carried out before, during, and after the Mass.

What we do?

- The Sacristan arrives before Mass begins. He or she makes sure the priest has the required collections for the altar. This includes the chalice, cruets, linens, oils, crosses, candles, and celebration bells. The Sacristan also ensures all lamps and candles have sufficient light to last for the entire Mass. At the priest's discretion, the Sacristan may also be responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient fresh hosts and the proper amount of duly authorized wine for the communion procession. Once Mass has ended, the altar cloths are cleaned, as is the altar itself.
- Once the sacred items are put away, the Sacristan sometimes sees to it that all books and bulletins have been cleared away in the pews. He or she may also help with training altar boys and decorating for weddings and funerals. Quite often Sacristans are also responsible for keeping the holy water reservoirs clean and filled at all times.

What we ask?

- Training is required
- Based on schedule would need to serve when scheduled or find alternate if unable to serve

Helpful Websites:

To join: <https://stjohnstmaryparishes.flocknote.com/Sacristans>

More Info:

- <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/general-instruction-of-the-roman-missal/girm-chapter-3>