

Benediction and Mass immediately following

3 Servers

(MC, Th, Bb)

Preparation before Benediction

- Arrive 20 minutes for Benediction begins
- *Humeral veil* needs to be placed over the first pew (with the clasps showing) on the left facing the Altar. It should be located in the 4th drawer in Priest's sacristy.
- Blue missal (from the pew) should also be placed on the seat of the first pew on the left.
- Prepare *Thurible* by lighting charcoals and be sure incense is in *boat*.
- Be sure the 2 main side candles are lit.
- DO NOT SET UP FOR MASS during Adoration. There should be minimal movement around the Altar during Adoration.

Benediction begins

- Servers and Priest process in during opening song. The servers walk ahead of the Priest with **Th** in the middle, **Bb** on their right and **MC** on their left.
- Upon reaching the Altar, **MC** stays in position; **Th** and **Bb** go to the right of the Priest with **Th** standing closest to the Priest and the **Bb** on the outside.
- Priest and Altar servers genuflect together. **Th** only bows head in reverence.
- **Th** and **Bb** turn toward the Priest, and **Bb** walks to the left of **Th**. **Bb** opens up boat for Priest, **Th** opens Thurible, Priest places incense into Thurible.
- Priest takes Thurible and **Bb** returns to position to the right of **Th**.
- All servers kneel at the same time while the Priest incenses the Blessed Sacrament (3 sets of 2).
- At the end of the song, "Tantum Ergo," the Priest will say, "*Let us pray.*" The Priest stands for the prayer while the servers remain kneeling, except the **MC**. The **MC** retrieves the blue missal from the 1st pew and holds it for the Priest.
- Prayer will end with.....(cue) "*one God forever and ever, Amen.*" The **MC** returns blue missal to 1st pew and retrieves the Humeral veil.

- **MC** places the Humeral veil over Priest's shoulders (other servers remain kneeling). Be sure Cross is centered in the back.
- **MC** kneels when the Priest goes up onto the Altar. The Priest will give a blessing to the congregation with the Monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Th** moves to the center position, kneels again, then incenses the Blessed Sacrament (3 sets of 2) as the Priest makes the Sign of the Cross with the Blessed Sacrament in the *Monstrance*.
- Servers remain kneeling for the Divine Praises and while the Priest goes to the Altar to remove the "luna" (vessel containing the Blessed Sacrament) from the monstrance.
- When the Priest returns from the chapel, Altar servers stand. The **Th** moves over for the Priest to take the center position.
- Priest comes back down and **MC** stands to meet the Priest for the removal of the Humeral veil. **MC** places Humeral veil over first pew.
- Altar servers bow with the Priest and process out.

After Benediction/Before Mass

- Usual clean up of all items. Extinguish the incense charcoals completely in the flower bed before walking away. A full pitcher of water should be poured over them.
- **Leave the Thurible out on the counter to cool off.**
- Remove Monstrance, corporal and 2 wooden candles from the Altar.
- **Credence table-** bring Mass items as usual (wine cups, purificators, ciboria, water and wine cruet, EM water cruet, Chalice set up).
- **Altar-** Roman Missal should be placed on the Altar.
- **Gift Table-** nothing should be placed here.

Tips on How to hold the Thurible

- Hold the Thurible in your dominant hand, so if you are left handed, do the opposite of below.
- Put your left thumb through the metal ring and hold your left hand above your head.
- With your right hand palm facing upwards, lift the top of the Thurible between your 3rd and 4th fingers.
- Pinch the chain with your right thumb and first finger when the top is about 6-8 inches above the base.
- Move your left hand towards your chest.
- Lift your right hand up to the proper level, depending on the height of the Priest/Deacon that is presiding.
- Slowly swing the Thurible as you walk with it.

Tips on Lighting the charcoal

- Don't forget that charcoal is messy and you are wearing a white robe, so be careful.
- Use tongs to hold charcoal and light it.
- Sparks are a good sign.
- Blow on charcoal, you are looking for an orange glow.
- Put lighted charcoal into Thurible with more charcoal.
- Swing Thurible back and forth to get oxygen flowing inside.
- Charcoal will turn grey when hot.