

Sacristans: Revised on May 31, 2009

Mission: We, the dedicated Sacristans of St. Mary Parish, serve Our Lord and our parish community by cleaning and caring for the sacred vessels used at each Mass. We conscientiously arrive early and remain after Mass to prepare for the Eucharistic celebration. Through our care and preparation we feel closer to the Lord.



Organization: Sacristans are scheduled by the Liturgy Coordinator in consultation with the representative from the sacristans. Sacristans prepare the bread and wine and the sacred vessels before Mass, cleanse the sacred vessels after Mass, and help prepare for the following Mass. Sacristans also prepare for weekday Masses, clean the altar linens, and change the altar candles. Some Sacristans are specially trained to assist the Liturgy Coordinator with wedding rehearsals, weddings, and funerals. Sacristans who attend to the weekday Masses are sometimes asked to attend to the flowers and other church decorations throughout the week, in assistance to the Art and Environment Committee.

Membership: A representative from the Sacristans serves on the Worship Commission, and assists the Liturgy Coordinator in the recruitment, training, and updating of the participants in this ministry. This person works closely with the Liturgy Coordinator in the fulfillment of all these duties. Each year, the Liturgy Coordinator asks the Sacristans to propose the names of individuals from this ministry for consideration as their representative. After consulting with the Pastor, the Liturgy Coordinator selects the representative from this ministry to the Commission.