



Gesu Roman Catholic Parish

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WEEKEND MASS INSTRUCTIONS

CROSSBEARER POSITION (stool near priest's chair)

When processional hymn begins –

Lead procession up the aisle slowly and reverently. Stop on far right in front of first steps until priest bows, then be first to walk up steps, go to right of altar, place cross on stand and go to crossbearer stool and remain standing.

At Opening Prayer –

MC will give you Roman Missal to bring to priest, then take book back to your place

After Gospel, During Homily

Go to front pew, Blessed Virgin altar side, during homily. After homily when the congregation stands for the creed, return to your place

At Offertory Procession –

Brings Roman Missal to altar

MC will bring brown tray with silver chalices and purificators to altar, you'll stand by Father to receive gifts

After receiving gifts with priest –

Help priest carry ciborium with hosts and pitcher of wine to altar – Then go to credence table, bring cruet of water to priest, holding with handle toward priest
Go back to credence table, bring water cruet, tray and towel, so priest can wash hands. Return items to credence table and then go back to place.

At "Holy, Holy, Holy", Move to the side step, kneel, and kneel and be ready for ringing of bells

As priest is saying Eucharistic Prayer (can be very short or long), he will turn palms down and flat - ring bell first time (short ring)

When priest holds up ciborium with host and speaks "This is my body which will be given up for you" and stops talking - ring bell second time (short ring)

When priest lifts chalice with wine, speaks final phrase "Do this in memory (or remembrance) of me" and stops talking - ring bell third time (short ring)

When priest goes to distribute communion to the people-

Take Roman Missal to your place

When priest comes back to altar after distributing communion -

IF THERE IS NO MC PRESENT

Bring tray to altar and bring all chalices/ciboriuma to credence table for purifying. (If MC is there, MC will do the above duties)

At Closing Prayer -

MC will give you Roman Missal to take to priest, then take back to your place

After final blessing -

Get cross and go directly to bottom of steps where you stood before Mass and face altar - wait until priest comes to top of steps, to turn around and lead procession out - slowly and reverently.

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LIGHTBEARER POSITION (stools near ambo)

When processional hymn begins -

Walk next to other lightbearer, about 3 feet behind crossbearer, stop at foot of first steps, on each side of priest, until priest bows - then, when crossbearer

reaches top of steps, you walk up steps together, place candles on each side of cross, and proceed to lightbearers' stools

During gospel acclamation –

Walk together to where the candles are, pick up candles together, then proceed to both sides of ambo.

After Gospel, when people sit down, walk together and put candles down together, and go back to front pew, Blessed virgin altar side, for homily. After homily, return to your position in the Sanctuary

When ushers are taking up collection –

When they are halfway back in front section, go and pick up candles together and proceed down main aisle to lead up offertory procession. (make sure giftbearers do not forget anything on table – start leading procession **when priest comes to the bottom of steps**)

After peace sign –

Go to other side of sanctuary to stand by crossbearer for Communion

After priest gives final blessing –

Pick up candles together, turn and proceed to the bottom of steps

Where you stood in the beginning of Mass, facing altar

Wait until priest comes to top of steps – then turn and follow crossbearer out – slowly and reverently