

COMMON VOCABULARY

- Altar** - table; the place where the bread and wine are blessed and broken
- Ambo** – lectern, pulpit or reading stand where the Word of God is proclaimed
- Book of the Gospels** - large book placed on the altar; contains only Gospel readings
- Chalice** – large, more ornate cup used by priest during Eucharistic Prayer
- Ciborium** - the gold container used to hold hosts in the tabernacle
- Corporal** - like a place mat, it catches any crumbs
- Credence Table** - small table used by the Servers to hold items needed for Mass
- Cruets** – small glass containers used to hold wine and water
- Cups** – used for the Blood of Christ during communion
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist** – one who helps distribute Communion
- Finger bowl** - used to catch water used by priest to wash his hands during the preparation of the gifts
- Finger towel** - small towel priest uses to dry his hands
- Flagon (or Carafe)** – like a pitcher; a flagon/carafe holds the wine brought up in procession
- Lectionary** - book containing all of the readings for the Mass
- Lector** – reader
- Paschal Candle** - Easter candle; the very large candle that we light during the Easter season
(and in the Basilica, for funerals and baptisms)
- Paten** - plate; holds hosts during Eucharistic Prayer
- Presider** - leader of prayer; also known as the celebrant.
- Presider's Chair** - the seat where the priest who is presiding sits
- Processional cross** - cross used to lead the procession
- Purificator** - like a napkin, used to wipe cups during communion
- Sacramentary** - book containing the priest's prayers (it has tabs)
- Sacristy** - the room where the vestments and vessels are kept, and where the priest and other ministers get ready for Mass
- Sanctuary** - the area of the church that contains the altar, ambo and presider's chair
- Tabernacle** - where the body of Christ is kept after communion; there is a red candle (**Sanctuary Lamp**) next to it.

Liturgical Colors: Priest's vestments and all altar cloths should reflect these colors. Look in the Ordo if you're not sure!

Ordinary Time:	Green
Advent:	Violet
Christmas:	White
Lent:	Violet
Easter:	White
Red:	Feasts of martyrs, apostles, Pentecost & Passion/Palm Sunday