

# CANDLE-BEARER PROCEDURES

## BEFORE MASS BEGINS

Just before Mass, retrieve the candles for the procession from the sanctuary next to the altar. **BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHEN RETRIEVING THE CANDLES FROM THEIR STANDS. DO NOT ROCK OR MOVE THE STANDS. THEY COULD EASILY FALL.**

Once you arrive in the back of church (vestibule), light the candles from the small lit candles in the metal stands on either side of the vestibule or from the lighter located at the Usher's counter.

## ORDER OF PROCESSION

Ministers line up for regular Mass procession in this order:

Crossbearer with the processional cross

Candle-bearers one on each side of the Lector carrying the Book of Gospels

Presider (priest)

Two candle-bearers should walk all the way to the bottom step with the Lector and walk up the steps then stand on both sides of the altar facing in while the Lector places the Book of Gospels on its stand on the altar. Altar Servers then move to the ambo and place the candles in the stands next to the ambo. After placing the candles in their stands, proceed immediately to their assigned seats (do not wait for the presider) and remain standing.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS - SETTING OF THE TABLE (altar) FOR EUCHARIST

Move the candles from their stands next to the ambo and place them in the stands next to the altar. The candles do not need to be extinguished or lit again. **REMEMBER TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN REMOVING THE CANDLES FROM THE STANDS.** There will be melted wax so be careful not to spill the wax on the stands or on the floor. Keep the candles as level as possible. **STANDS MAY BREAK IF MOVED OR ROCKED.**

## PROCESSING OUT

The candles are NOT carried out in the processional out of church.

## AFTER MASS

Servers should extinguish the candles in the stands next to the altar after each Mass. **DO NOT BLOW OUT THE CANDLES. USE THE BRASS SNUFFER TO EXTINGUISH THE CANDLES. DO NOT BLOW OUT THE CANDLES. DO NOT BLOW OUT THE CANDLES!!!!!!!!!!**