

# Incense will be used at this Mass

Place pink incense signs on the outside doors of the church. Fifteen minutes prior to the start of Mass place two bricks of charcoal in the thurible. Hold the lighter on the edge of the brick with the brick lying in the bottom of the thurible. The charcoal will spark and light around the top edge, close the cover down and swing to make sure it is lit. Hang it up on the stand in the sacristy. Make sure there is incense in the boat with the spoon, incense is kept in the end top cupboard in a box.

If Father will incense the book of Gospels': As Father rises during the singing of the Gospel acclamation go to get the incense and boat and stand in front of the door. As father walks to the ambo, precede him and stand next to him facing the side of the ambo. After he reads the first statement and signs himself with the crosses he will reach for the incense boat. Lift the lid so he can fill it, he will hand the boat back to you (hold on to the boat) and take the thurible from you. He will incense the book and hand the thurible back to you. Stand next to the ambo (same place you were) lightly swinging the thurible. As soon as he completes the reading (as the people are sitting, before he starts the homily) put the incense and boat back in the sacristy, add another charcoal brick to the thurible, return to your seat.

Using incense at the presentation of gifts: After the gifts have been presented to father and he has placed them on the altar and said the prayers he will incense the gifts, (before he washes his hands). Pick up the thurible and boat as he is finishing the prayers and stand in front of the door waiting for him to come to you. He will take the boat first and fill the thurible with the incense. He will then hand the boat back to you and take the thurible, return the boat to the stand in the sacristy. He will walk around the altar incensing, incense the cross, perhaps the paschal candle and then come back to you. He will bow to you, you bow to him and incense him by swing the thurible toward him. Bow again and go to the front of the altar to incense the congregation. The congregation will stand, bow to them and they will return the bow to you. Incense the congregation by swinging the thurible three times, to the right, center/loft and left. Pause, bow to the congregation, they return the bow. Return the thurible to the sacristy, (father will wash his hands while you incense the congregation). Return to the pew with the other servers.