

Word	Definition
Advent Wreath	Advent candle holder usually decorated with a Christmas wreath.
Alb	White tunic worn by the priest (and Altar Servers!)
Altar	'Table' – where Mass is celebrated
Ambo / Lectern	Where Lectors and Priest proclaim or read the Scriptures and where the Cantor sings the Responsorial Psalm.
Baptismal Font	Where new members of the Church are baptized.
Basket – <i>Collection Basket</i>	Wicker basket brought up at the Offertory and placed in front of the Altar.
Basket – <i>silver pyx basket</i>	The EM's bring the Eucharist to people at home in a pyx. The word pyx comes from the Greek word meaning box or receptacle. The pyx's are placed in the basket to go on the Altar.
Book – <i>Blue Intention book</i>	Book of the prayer intentions of the parish, bought up with the other gifts at the Offertory.
Book – <i>Fr. Peter's Binder</i>	White binder Fr. Peter uses to read from when he is a Celebrant at Mass.
Book – <i>Sacramentary</i>	Red book Fr. Alvin uses to read from when he is a celebrant at Mass. A book used since the early Church that has the rites for Mass and the Sacraments.

Bowl - Ciborium	Big Silver bowl for the Eucharist. Also known as a 'Ciborium.' A Ciborium is a goblet-shaped vessel for holding Eucharistic bread. 'Ciborium' is a Latin word that means 'cup.'
Bowl – for Father to wash hands	Small glass bowl brought with the cruet of water for Father to use in the 'Washing of Hands.' What does Father pray when he washes his hands? Father prays: <i>"Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts."</i>
Candle, Pascal Candle	Large candle first used at Easter
Candlesticks	Place to put candles
Celebrant	Father who is saying Mass
Censer Stand	Place to hang the Censer.
Censer	Metal container (usually on a chain) in which to place incense.
Censer Boat	Container where incense is taken from with a small spoon to put into the censer.
Chair, Altar Server or Acolyte Chair	1 st row to the left of the Altar, to be reserved with a sign or a rope. Good vantage point to carefully watch Father.
Chair, Celebrant's or Presider's Chair	Where Father sits during Mass. Try not to walk in front of the chair when Father is in it. Try to walk around.
Chalice – Presider's Cup	The Eucharistic Cup. 'Chalice' comes from a Old English word that means 'drinking cup.'

Chasuble	Colorful vestment the priest wears over his alb.
Corporal	White cloth laid on the Altar table. From the Latin work "Corpus," meaning Body. It is used to catch pieces of consecrated hosts, the Body of Christ.
Cross, Processional	Cross carried during the Procession
Cruet	Small glass vessel with a little handle to hold wine or water for the Eucharist and also for the Washing of Hands. ' <i>Cruet</i> ' is from an Old German word that means 'pitcher.'
Hand Towel	Just like at home... A white towel for Father to dry his hands after the 'Washing of Hands' rite at Mass.
Holy Water Fonts	Small bowls near doors. Containers of Holy Water for people to make the sign of the cross upon entering or leaving the church building.
Monstrance	Golden vessel where the consecrated Host is placed during Exposition / Adoration.
Music Stand	Stand to put sheet music on
Pall, Chalice	A square of cardboard faced with cloth used to cover the chalice or Presidia's Cup. 'Pall' is Latin for 'Cover.'
Pall, Funeral	Cloth to cover the casket
Purificator	Small white folded cloth that is draped over the Chalice just under the pall. The Purificator is a sacramental cleaning cloth. 'Purify' means to make clean.

Pyx Case	Small purse for Pyx... also known as a Burse.
Sanctuary	In the Serra Center, is the raised area around the Altar. The word 'Sanctuary' comes from a Latin word that means a sacred or holy place.
Stole	Long, slender cloth, fabric worn over or inside the chasuble of a matching color.
Tabernacle	Where the consecrated Hosts are kept. Lighted with a candle or sacramental lamp.
Table – Offertory Table	Small table in the <i>front</i> of the Serra Center, near the Baptismal Font, where the offertory gifts are set before Mass.
Table – Sanctuary Table	Preparation table in the <i>back</i> , behind the Altar. A small side table, shelf, or niche for holding articles used in the Eucharist service. At home or at your parents work, a similar small side table is called a 'credenza.' In church, it is often called a 'credence table.'

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