

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SACRED VESSELS

*The Mass Coordinator, together with the first Eucharistic Minister * on the list, will purify and clean the vessels after Mass.*

Once the recessional hymn is completed, go to the credence table to purify the vessels. (Do not go before the hymn is done)

- Pour water from the cruet into the decanter, swish it around, and pour into chalice to consume.
- Pour water from cruet into each ciborium to clear out any of the small crumbs....and pour into chalice to consume
- Ensure all chalices have been purified. Hold purificator on edge of chalice, hold chalice at a 45° angle, water should reach the rim, and rotate chalice to wash entire inner surface. Then consume. Dry chalices and ciboriums with used purificators.
- Once the vessels have been purified take the vessels to the sacristy to be washed with soap and hot water. Use the wooden tray to carry.
- **NOTE:** do not submerge the chalices in the water (as water gets into the bottom of the chalice and rusts) also Do not put soap into the decanter or cruets...but rinse out with hot water instead. Do not submerge the ciborium lids.
- Once the decanter and cruets have been rinsed and dried with the white or blue flannel cloth... turn upside down on the drying rack so that they dry well and mold does not form inside.
- After drying with the white or blue flannel cloth place the chalices and ciboriums back in the drawer.
- Make sure the key to the Tabernacle is returned to the drawer after Mass.

**Vestry is at the back of the church,
Sacristy is behind the Altar.**
