



Holy Spirit Parish Liturgical Ministry Guidelines

Care of Linens

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Linens are found in the sacristy on the counter to the right of the sink in a blue Rubbermaid container. The linens include the towels used to dry the dishes and/or for baptisms, the small lavabo towels used by the presider when he washes his hands during the liturgy and the purificators used during communion. Sometimes a blue dishrag lands in the container, as well, and **needs to be washed separately from the other linens.**

Linens should be washed early in the week before the wine stains have a chance to set. Please pick them up **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY.**

Lipstick and wine stains should be sprayed with pre-wash spray. Machine wash warm. Do not use bleach.

All linens can be dried in the dryer on a low temp setting. Do not let dampened linens sit.

Purificators **should be ironed.**

Please return clean linens **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY.**

New Altar Linens

We have purchased all-cotton altar linens because they absorb much better than the polyester. The new linens need to be ironed and then folded.

How to Fold a Corporal: The corporal is the large square linen.

Place the corporal right-side up with the cross facing you.

Take the bottom-most third of the corporal and fold it up.

Bring the top-most third of the linen down, fully covering the bottom and middle thirds previously folded together.

Fold the right-most third of the corporal in toward the left.

Fold in the remaining left third of the linen, covering both the right and vertical center thirds previously folded together.

Press the creases with an iron.

If folded correctly, the corporal should be folded into nine equal square sections. The cross should be tucked away somewhere inside.

How to Fold a Purificator:

Place the purificator right-side down. The cross is in the middle and should face down.

Take the right-most third of the towel and fold it in toward the left.

Fold the left-most third of the towel in toward the right.

Fold the top of the towel down over the bottom.

Press the creases with an iron.

When finished, the towel should be folded into six evenly sized rectangles.

How to Fold a Lavabo Towel: The lavabo towel is slightly smaller than a purificator and is made of linen. The priest uses the lavabo towel to dry his hands when he has washed them before the Consecration of the Eucharist.

Place the towel right-side down. The cross should face down.

The long side of the towel should run vertically, and the shorter side should run horizontally.

Take the right-most third of the towel and fold it in toward the left.

Fold the left-most third of the towel in toward the right.

Fold the top of the towel down over the bottom.

Press the creases with an iron.

When finished, the towel should be folded into six evenly sized rectangles.

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If you are unavailable for your scheduled week, please request a sub through the ONLINE WEB TERMINAL.

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Thank you for volunteering!