

Guide to Liturgical Terms in SC Ritual

ambo



podium usually only used during the Liturgy of the Word, usually a permanent or substantial furnishing in the sanctuary

Book of the Gospels



liturgical book composed of the Gospel readings assigned for each Mass; only deacons can use during a SC liturgy

ciborium



covered vessel used to hold consecrated hosts reserved in the tabernacle and for distribution during the Communion Rite

corporal



white linen cloth that unfolds from a small square to a larger cloth that is laid flat on the altar where the Blessed Sacrament will rest whenever outside the tabernacle

credence table



small table in or near the sanctuary that holds the corporal and other items needed for the Communion Rite

lectern



minimal podium used to hold the ritual text for the leader of prayer

lectionary for Mass



liturgical book composed of the scripture readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions)

liturgical greeting

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

paten



plate or shallow bowl to hold consecrated hosts for distributing Communion

purificator



linen cloth napkin used to wipe Communion vessels

purify vessels used for communion



leader of prayer places uncovered ciborium on corporal on altar, tilts empty paten over ciborium then wipes around the inside of the vessel to ensure any remnant of the Blessed Sacrament is transferred to ciborium and reserved in the tabernacle. Move used purificator and empty paten to credence table as clear altar

sanctuary



area in worship space surrounding the altar, usually includes ambo, seating for the priest and deacon; area often elevated