

Torchbearers

Solemn Mass

Preparation

1. Arrive in the sacristy and be vested in cassock and surplice 10 minutes before Mass.
2. Make sure the following is ready:
 - a. Your sanctuary seats.
 - i. Preferably on the Gospel side.
 - b. Torches are ready in the sacristy.
 - c. Lighter is nearby.

Position-Specific Principles

1. TBs shall follow the Acolytes and Crucifer when at their seats (sitting, standing, etc.).
2. When walking side-by-side, the torch should be held on the outside shoulder. When at the communion rail, the torch should be held on the side farthest from the altar.
3. The torch should be held with two hands when standing or moving, and with one hand when kneeling.
4. If receiving Holy Communion, this will be done not at the step but at your torchbearing kneeling spot.

Ceremony

1. Procession
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 - i. When all are ready in the sacristy, bow to the cross at the MC's signal.
 - b. Process behind the thurifer, without candles, two-by-two.
 - c. When you arrive at the foot of the altar, genuflect and go to your seat.

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AC² - Cr - AC¹

MC

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2. Offertory

- a. When the thurifer turns to incense the congregation, line up on either side of him.



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- b. Genuflect at the thurifer's signal
c. Follow behind him, two-by-two, to the sacristy, and light/grab your torches.
d. When the *Sanctus* has begun, follow behind the thurifer in a double-file line to your spot.
e. Kneel at his signal
f. Hold the torch
i. Resting on the floor
ii. With your outside hand
iii. Lined up with your outside shoulder

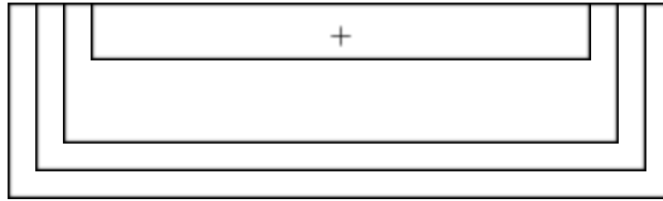
You will remain kneeling here until after the Blessed Sacrament returns to the tabernacle.

3. Going back

- a. Once the tabernacle door closes, the TBs rise upon the MC's signal.
b. Return to the sacristy, following behind the thurifer, in the same manner as in 2a - 2c.
c. Put your torch away.
d. As a group, all go back to your seat, genuflecting as a group in the middle.

4. Recession

- a. Line up as indicated below:



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- b. Follow the crucifer and acolytes into the sacristy.
c. Once you arrive in the sacristy, the following dialogue will take place between the Celebrant and MC.
i. Do the red instructions.

Prosit → **Bow to the cross.**

Pro omnibus et singulis.

Everyone kneel.

Jube domne, benedicere.

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti
descendat super vos et maneat semper. Amen.