

THURIFER CUE CARD

11/13/24

	Cue	Action
Procession and Incensing Altar		
1	* 5 – 10 minutes before Mass (light coals). * If no Deacon , review incensing Priest and people (and Credence Server altar clearing/purification). Ensure servers know the following: * Credence Server will immediately place missal in Missal Server’s arms at beginning of mass. **Hand washing is done after Priest is incensed. ***If Sprinkling Rite, Credence Server will deliver holy water/sprinkler to Priest at beginning of Mass with Missal Server.	* Light 2 coals. * Prepare 2 coals to light during Mass. * Add incense to boat if not full. More Incense is in sacristy. * In atrium, Priest imposes incense into thurible. Note: If torch won’t work, there is a spare torch in a box in the sacristy cabinet labeled “incense articles” next to the closet.
2	At Priest’s prompting after he imposes incense.	Lead procession. At altar steps, take a few steps to the <u>left</u> and stop to wait for Priest.
3	When Priest genuflects to Our Lord in the tabernacle.	Bow to Our Lord and proceed to the back left corner of the altar facing the Priest / Deacon (P/D).
4	When Priest kisses altar.	Proceed to P/D for incense to be imposed and to present the thurible. Then stand behind the ambo.
5	When Priest finishes incensing altar.	Proceed to P/D to retrieve thurible. Return it to stand. Do NOT light a coal until after the Gospel. Note: If incense is not used during Gospel, then light a coal during homily.
Incensing at Gospel		
6	At conclusion of Responsorial Psalm.	Retrieve thurible/boat and stand by missal table.
7	At the end of the 2 nd reading (“ Thanks be to God. ”).	Proceed to stand by Priest’s chair facing ambo.
8	When the Priest stands for the Gospel.	Step in front of Priest for incense to be imposed.
9	After incense is imposed and receive boat back.	Proceed to center of altar and bow to altar. Then move to stand facing the candle stand on the ambo side of the altar.
10	When the P/D picks up the Book of the Gospels <u>and turns.</u>	Proceed as in procession to a spot about 6 feet behind and slightly past the ambo.
11	When P/D makes sign of cross on book with thumb.	Proceed to ambo and present thurible only. Return to spot.
12	When P/D bows after completes incensing Gospel.	Proceed to ambo to retrieve thurible and return to spot.
13	When all say, “Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.”	Turn and exit the door and <u>light another coal.</u>

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Incensing Gifts, Priest, and People			
14	When other servers are receiving the gifts. Note: If there are only 2 servers – will have to help receive gifts first. Remind other to wash Priest’s hands alone after Priest is incensed.		Retrieve thurible/boat and proceed out credence side door to stand behind the ambo. If receiving gifts , <u>ensure receive wine</u> (swap with other server if necessary). After returning wine to credence table, quickly retrieve thurible/boat and return to the ambo.
15	When the Priest raises and places chalice back on altar and turns (when he would wash his hands).		Proceed to P/D at altar for incense to be imposed and to present the thurible. Then stand behind the ambo.
16	WITH A DEACON: When Deacon finishes incensing the Priest/people. WHEN NO DEACON: When Priest finishes incensing the altar and gifts. General Thurifer Notes: *Carry thurible with left hand and boat in right. *Swing thurible slightly while walking/standing. *If not carrying boat, place right hand across chest *Priest’s hands are washed <u>after he is incensed</u> . *Always bow before and after incensing someone. *Pause between each set of “double swings.”		1. With Deacon: As he returns to the altar, proceed to Deacon to retrieve thurible and return it to the stand and <u>light another coal</u> . 1. No Deacon: After placing boat on credence table, proceed to Priest to retrieve thurible. Take step back: raise thurible: bow at waist to Priest, incense him with 3 x <u>double swings</u> ; & bow again. 2. Lower thurible and proceed to front of altar; gesture for people to stand; raise thurible; bow at waist to people facing choir; incense people with 3 x <u>single swings</u> ; and bow again. Note: 1 st single swing is facing choir; 2 nd is facing slightly to the right; and 3 rd is facing slightly to the left. 3. Bow, lower thurible; retrieve boat; return thurible/boat to stand; <u>light another coal</u> . Note: If a 2 nd Priest, incense him before incensing the people.
Recessional			
17	During announcements or if there is a Solemn Blessing/Prayer, when Missal Server returns to Priest for the blessing/prayer.		Retrieve thurible/boat. Quickly impose a scoop of incense and stand in front of missal side chairs for recessional.
18	When P/D move to reverence the altar with a kiss.		Lead cross/candles to center aisle. Stand at 3 rd row. When Priest genuflects, bow and depart as usual. Pray with Priest in atrium.
19	After Mass. Note: Use gloves and chisel to clean out thurible.		Prop door open, hang thurible and empty coals in container. Close door and return thurible to stand. Clean up incense area.