

## Altar Linen Ministry

This is a ministry that you can do at home and on your own.

It takes only a few hours a week for a month at a time.

The time you spend on preparing the linen for Mass can be a time of reflection or prayer.



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## Altar Linens

Traditionally, the celebrant has used linen materials during the Mass. The Eucharistic Ministers use purificators to wipe the wine vessels. Several purificators are used during a single Mass.

The corporal is unfolded and is placed on the altar under the celebrant's chalice and host. Only one corporal is used for each Mass.

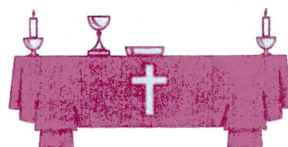
The purificator is rectangular piece of linen, whereas the corporal is square shaped. Usually, both are inscribed with a small red cross.

## Altar Linen History

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Some sources write that the use of linen signifies the linen in which Christ's body was wrapped when he was buried in the tomb.

The corporals and purificators are pre-rinsed to remove wine stains and then washed. They are ironed and folded according to an established tradition. All of this can be demonstrated easily.



Altar linens used during the Mass include a purificator and a corporal.

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