

## “YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST”—“WHAT’S THAT CALLED? (PART 2) BY FR. STEVE LAPE

Last week, we began our “What’s THAT called” series of articles—things used or seen at Mass. Today, for Part 2, we look at the so-called “tools of the trade”—the items that priests, deacons and lay ministers use.

**CHALICE:** a cup which the priest uses to hold the gift of wine, which becomes Christ’s Blood during Mass.

**PATEN (PAT-un):** a round, thin plate used by the priest to hold bread which becomes Christ’s Body.

**COMMUNION CUPS:** cups used by Eucharistic ministers to hold the wine which becomes Christ’s Blood.

**PURIFICATOR:** narrow, white cloth (like a napkin) used to clean chalice or Communion cup.



**CRUETS**  
(CREW-ets):  
small containers holding the water and wine, usually glass with stoppers on top.

**FLAGON**  
(FLAG-gun): a

large container (often a glass one used at Mass) used to hold the wine.

**LAVABO (luh-VAH-bow) BOWL:** the water bowl used by the priest to wash his hands.

**HOST:** Flat, unleavened bread that has become Christ’s Body during Mass.

**CIBORIUM (suh-BORE-ree-um):** container in which hosts are kept, especially when in the tabernacle and

for offering Communion. (The plural is ciboria.)

**ROMAN MISSAL:** the book of Mass prayers used by the priest.

**LECTIONARY (LECK-shun-air-ee):** the book containing Bible readings used at Mass.

**THURIBLE (THUR-uh-bull) or CENSER:** metal object on a chain which holds burning incense.

**BOAT:** Container which holds the incense.

**ASPERGILLUM (ASP-purr-JILL-um):** metal item used for sprinkling holy water to bless people & certain objects at Masses, funerals, weddings, & for other special purposes.

**PROCESSIONAL CROSS:** the cross carried down the aisle.

**PALL (paul):** the large, white cloth that’s draped over a casket at a funeral, symbolizing the white garment that the deceased wore when baptized.

**CORPORAL:** the square cloth placed on the center of the altar on which the bread & wine are set.

**ALTAR CLOTH:** the tablecloth-like cover over the entire altar

**PYX (picks):** the small container (usually metal) for Communion hosts to be taken to the sick or homebound.

