

The Sacred Vessels Needed for Mass

The Chalice:

A cup of precious metal (the inside must be gold or gold-plated), that holds the wine consecrated at Mass.

The Paten:

A small plate of precious metal that holds the sacred Host.

The Ciborium:

A large cup of precious metal with a cover of the same material, that contains the hosts consecrated for distribution to the Faithful in Holy Communion.

The Purificator:

A small linen cloth used by the priest to dry his fingers and the chalice, when he has washed and purified them after Communion.

The Corporal:

The linen cloth spread by the priest on the altar at the beginning of Mass. The chalice and host rest upon this cloth.

The Pall:

A small square of stiffened linen, or of cardboard covered with linen, used to cover the chalice.