

Extra / Different Server Duties for Advent:

All Sundays of Advent:

1. No "Gloria".

Therefore, bring up the Sacramentary (red book) after the Kyrie and Father's prayer of General Absolution. (Step up and get the book during the last part of the Kyrie, stand reverently near the credence table, wait for the priest to say a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins. When he is done, immediately walk up to him and then present the book when he says "Let us pray" (see below regarding the lighting of Advent Wreath candles 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of Advent)

2. "Solemn Blessing" after the announcements at the end of Mass. (Hold book 2 times)

Therefore, after the priest purifies the communion vessels, and the servers clear the altar, bring up the Sacramentary (red book) just as you normally do, but when he is done, mark the page with your fingers, close it, step back to the credence table and wait until after the announcements, then return to the priest, open the book and present it to him a second time.

First Sunday of Advent:

After we recite the Apostles Creed (which follows the homily, "We believe in one God... and in Jesus Christ... We believe in the Holy Spirit,...") we will bless the Advent Wreath and light the first candle.

We need two servers for this...

One server brings up the aspergillum (metal holy water shaker) and a burning short candle-lighter, (light it off an altar candle on his way to the wreath) and stands next to the priest ready to hand him the aspergillum... After the "blessing", the server will hand the candle-lighter to the priest or the family that comes up to light the first candle, and then take it back from them.

Another server carries and holds a special binder for a blessing which the priest will read from.

(First will be the Blessing, then the lighting of the candle.)

Second, third, and fourth Sunday of Advent:

We will NOT bless the wreath... but a family will come up to light the candles after the Kyrie. (Near the beginning of Mass, before the Opening Prayer)

Therefore, one server carries a lit candle-lighter to the wreath, meets the family there (maybe with the priest?) and hands it to them to light the candles, then takes it back to the credence table.

While they are lighting the wreath, another server must get the Sacramentary (red book) and be ready to take it up to the priest (standing at his chair???) for the Opening Prayer.

Christmas Day:

Procession:

One server carries the baby Jesus (held-up high in front of him so all can see) and takes him to the Manger scene after genuflecting to the Tabernacle. All the servers may step up to the Manger together and kneel down in front of it while priest places the Baby Jesus in the manger

Gloria:

We will be singing Gloria again for all Masses until Lent. Therefore, step-up and get the Sacramentary towards the end of the Gloria and present it to priest immediately following the Gloria. (Just like Ordinary time.)

Bells:

We will be ringing bells during Gloria and Consecration.

Therefore, a server places bells on towel in pew beside himself and then picks it up and rings them throughout the entire Gloria, beginning when the congregation sings (not the opening part that the cantor does)

Also, during the Consecration... As the priest elevates the host, give 3 short rings:

Ring, Ring, Ringgggg. (on the third ring, let the bells resonate until the priest sets down the host.)

Christmas Season:

Holy Family (New Years Day), Mother of God (1st Sunday after Christmas) and
Epiphany of the Lord (2nd Sunday after Christmas)

Bells during Gloria and Consecration

Incense 3x. (Altar, Gospel and Gifts)