

St. Ignatius Church  
Book Cues

**Before Mass**

- Check the ribbons in the Sacramentary (the big red book). Usually Ray has this ready and out on the altar, but make sure you know how it works.
  - Check one of the music programs or the bulletin to see what the liturgical date is (e.g. 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)
  - The **white ribbon** at the front should be set at the Penitential Rite (Lord Have Mercy). This section is the same every week and has no date. Check with the priest to see if he wants to use the book for this (Note: Fr. Gagan and Fr. Grosskopf use the book; Fr. Blaettler does not)
  - The **green ribbon** at the front has the prayers unique to today's liturgical date. Make sure that date matches the one in the music program. This ribbon should be set to the Opening Prayer.
  - There is a separate binder that contains the Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful (also know as the Intercessions/ Lord Hear Our Prayer).

**Beginning of Mass - Penitential Rite**

- After you have walked in and put your candle or the cross down in the alcove
  - If the priest is using the book for the Penitential Rite:
    - Have the book ready to open to the Penitential Rite (Lord Have Mercy)(**white ribbon** at front of book).
    - Pick up the Book and stand off to the side of the book stand, ready to walk over to the priest.
    - Wait for the priest to indicate he's ready for the book. Also, if the Lord Have Mercy is sung, he won't need it.
    - When the priest indicates he wants the book, walk over to him. Stand a bit to the side and hold the book open and balanced against your chest. Stand as still as you can.
  - When he's finished, walk back to your chair and keep the book with you. (If there is no Gloria, just stay there for the Opening Prayer, as described below.)

**Gloria & Opening Prayers**

- After the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest) – or in Lent and Advent there is no Gloria, so right after the Penitential Rite – walk over to the priest and open the book.
  - Open it to the **green ribbon** to the Opening Prayer.
  - After the priest is finished, return the Book to the alcove and then return to your chair for the readings.

**Offertory - Setting up the Altar**

- When you bring the book out to the altar, leave it turned to the green ribbon. The priest will start with a prayer from this page and then turn to other sections himself.

**Prayer After Communion**

- **After the Eucharistic is returned to the Tabernacle**
  - Get the book and have it ready to open to the **green ribbon**. The Prayer After Communion should be on the same page or the page after the Opening Prayer.

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- Stay standing near the table with the book and watch the priest.
- When the priest stands, walk over to him and open the book.
- Stay there with the book open until AFTER the priest blesses everyone with the Sign of the Cross.
- Then return the Book to the alcove and get ready to process out with your candle or the Cross.