

Thank you for volunteering to serve as an Acolyte or candle-lighter. This is a sacred task and you bless Epiphany by your participation.

Before Worship:

- Check the candle snuffer you intend to use, located in the worship closet behind the organ
 - Does it have enough wick? If not, see Pastor or a Sacristan for assistance; you may use the other snuffer if necessary
 - Make sure the Bic lighter stick has been placed in the Narthex by the Altar/Usher set up team

Lighting the Candles

- After Pastor completes the announcements, the Acolyte or Usher may light the candles, using the snuffer. **DO NOT** light the candles directly with the Bic Lighter if people are present in the congregation, this is disrespectful. You are bringing in the Light of Christ!
- Light the wick on the candle snuffer and process slowly up the center aisle. Stop before you ascend the 2 chancel steps and reverence the cross (bow), then step up to the main level.
- **First**, light the candle on the **RIGHT**.
- **Second** light the candle on the **LEFT**.
- If you wish you may reverence the cross (bow) in between. This is your choice.
- Extinguish the flame by lowering the wick into the metal tube and recess down the aisle.

Extinguishing the Candles

- Pay attention to the Sending Hymn: if it has only 3 verses, you will need to approach the altar on the 2nd verse; if it is a long hymn, wait until the next-to-last verse to approach the altar.
- Take the candle snuffer with you
- Reverence the cross as you approach the altar
- **First** extinguish the **LEFT** candle.
- **BEFORE** you extinguish the **RIGHT** candle, **light the wick on the snuffer from the right candle, then extinguish the RIGHT candle. The snuffer wick remains lit as you recess.**
- If there is a Crucifer, wait at the Chancel Steps until the Crucifer is behind you, then process out

Special Candles:

- **Advent Wreath:** candles are lit, one for each week/cumulatively during the 4 Sundays of Advent. The Advent Wreath is lit during the Gospel Acclamation, sung before the reading of the Gospel lesson.
- **Paschal Candle:** this special candle stands at the baptismal font and is **lighted FIRST** for:
 - **Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday/Easter Season**
 - **Pentecost Sunday**
 - **Baptisms & Funerals**
 - **To light the Paschal Candle:** use the wick on the candle snuffer. This candle is lit **first** before any other candles in the chapel and extinguished last.

Care of Candle Snuffers

- **Please allow the wick to cool before you retract it into the metal tube or wax will clog the tube**
- **Slide the lever on the snuffer carefully: do not jam it**
- **You only need about 1" of wick to light candles; longer wicks may drop and singe the carpet**
- **When extinguishing a candle, do not touch the snuffer's bell to the wax: just hover over the flame to prevent wax from melting onto the snuffer**