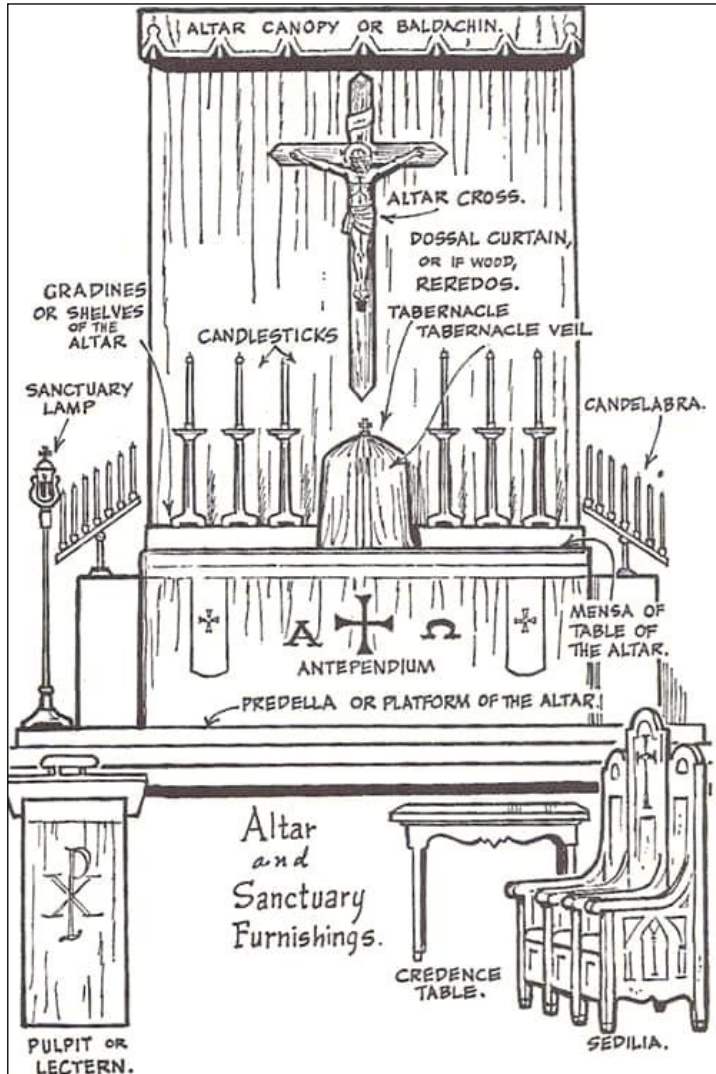


# Tridentine Community News

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## Educational Infographics on the Traditional Mass: Sanctuary Furnishings

The third installment in this series shows us the names for various furnishings at the altar and in the sanctuary.



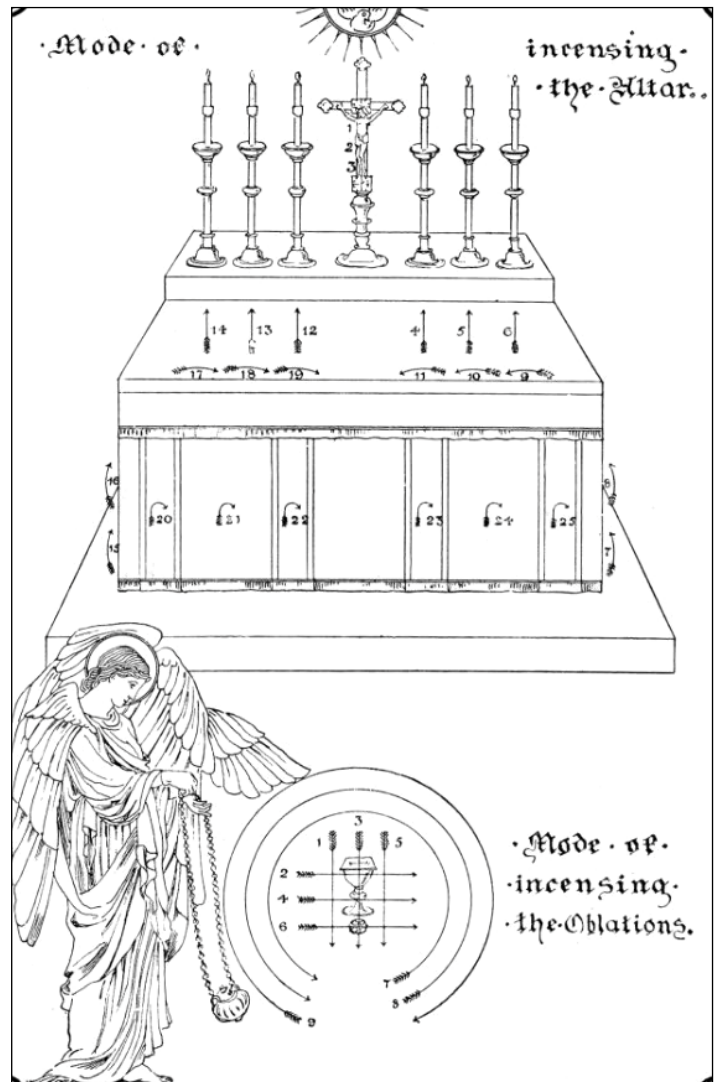
The *Sedilia*, or priest's bench, is designed for a Priest, Deacon, and Subdeacon, vested for a Solemn High Mass. The side seats are only used by acolytes (altar servers) when the Mass is not a Solemn High. It is ideally constructed as three seats together, with a gap between the back and the seat to allow the backside of Roman/fiddleback-style vestments to drop directly down through the gap when the three sacred ministers sit down, thereby preventing bunching up or wrinkling of the fabric.

The pulpit is also known as the ambo. In older churches it is often raised high above the people. This not only served a practical, sound-propagating purpose in the days before P.A. systems, it also represents how both Word and Sacrament are elevated, the Word of God represented by the High Pulpit and the Sacrament represented by the High Altar, which is typically situated atop several steps.

## The Method of Incensing the Altar

There is a specific method and sequence for incensing the altar. Note the numbers on the below diagram, which depict the order and "targets" for each priestly swing of the thurible. The priest incenses the altar twice in a High Mass: before the Introit at the beginning of Mass and before the *Lavábo* at the Offertory. Before the second time at the *Lavábo*, he first incenses the oblations, or host and chalice, with three up-and-down cross-like motions, then two counterclockwise and one clockwise circles.

Some of the altar missals published from 1962 onwards also contain a diagram showing how to incense a freestanding altar by walking all the way around it, much as is done at a Byzantine Rite Divine Liturgy. In practice, most priests choose to incense a freestanding altar only from the front, as though it were a High Altar.



## Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

**Tue. 02/15 6:00 PM:** High Mass at *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth* (Ss. Faustinus & Jovita, Martyrs) – Celebrant: Fr. David Pellican

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