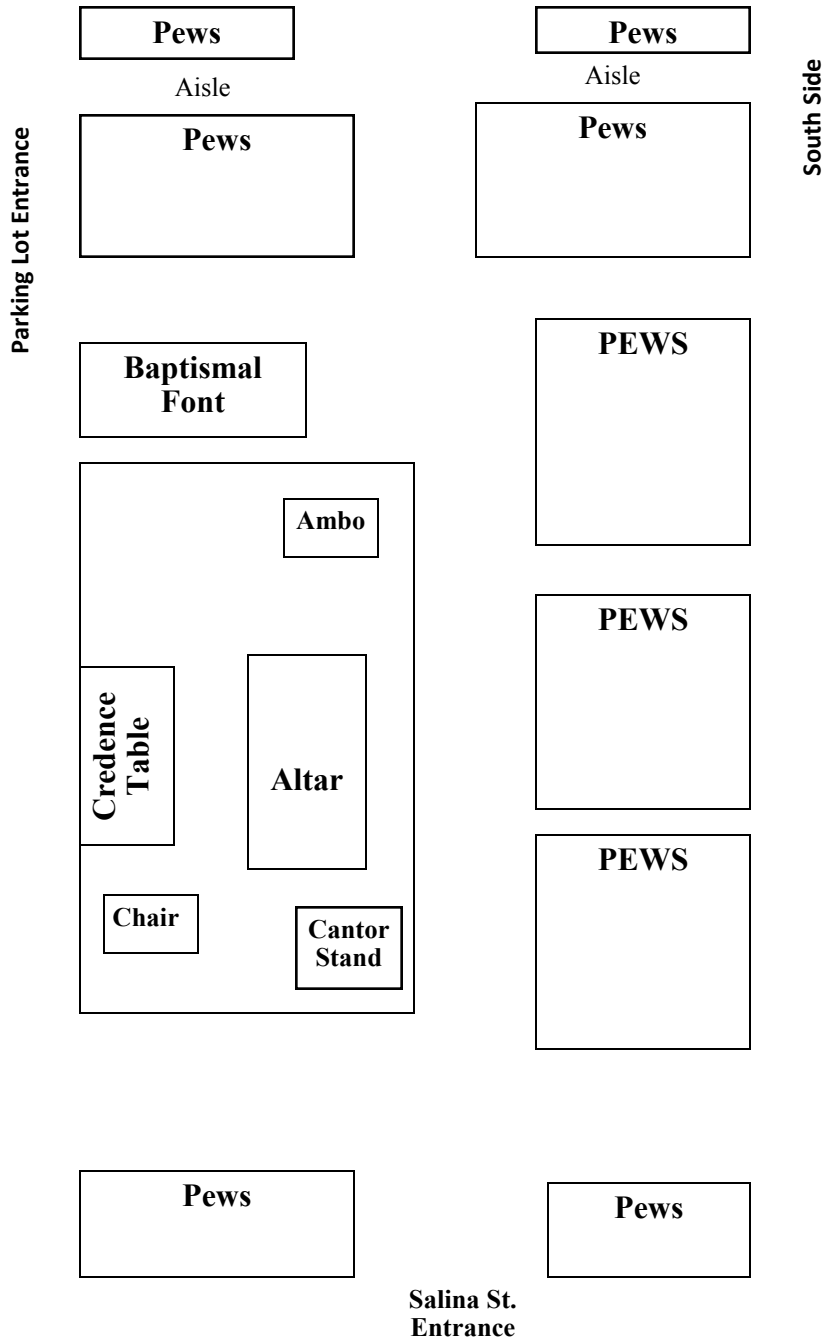


Diagram

Blessed Sacrament Chapel



St. James



Handbook for Commentators

THEOLOGY

*"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God."*

Romans 15:7

As an extension of our Hospitality Ministry, the commentator formally welcomes parishioners and visitors to each Sunday and Holy Day liturgy. The commentator makes a statement before Mass begins which includes brief details pertaining to the liturgy. This statement identifies the particular Sunday of the Church's year and where the Liturgy of the Word may be found in the *Worship* book. The statement may also welcome a guest celebrant or homilist or announce a Baptism being celebrated.

PRACTICE

A Commentator Should:

- Be a Catholic in good standing with the Church and in the state of grace
- Dress appropriately for the dignity of the ministry and as a representative of the parish community
- Arrive ten to fifteen minutes prior to the start of Mass
- Expect to be scheduled approximately once every four to six weeks
- Expect a schedule to be either e-mailed or sent through the postal service quarterly
- Participate in a brief orientation/training session with the ministry coordinator

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PROCEDURES

- The commentator shall sign-in to the *liturgical ministers binder* in the vestibule of the parking lot entrance to church ten to fifteen minutes prior to the start of Mass. At this time the commentator should review the statement which is found in the same binder. The statement is specific to each Mass and may include names of guest celebrants or newly baptized individuals and their parents.
- The commentator shall check the cantor stand to make sure that the appropriate statement for Mass is there. If the statement is missing, it may be obtained from the liturgical ministers binder. This is the appropriate time to make microphone adjustments at the cantor stand.
- The commentator shall sit in the first pew directly in front of the cantor stand prior to the start of Mass. This allows the music director and cantor to know that a commentator is present and ready to serve.
- When the priest enters the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the commentator approaches the cantor stand and delivers the statement.
- The statement shall be delivered in a projected, distinct, welcoming and carefully paced manner.
- When finished, the commentator shall leave the statement on the cantor stand and return to any preferred pew.