

## **Sacristan**



Have you ever wondered who gets everything ready for Masses, celebrations and, in general, keeps it all together for the rest of us in church? It is the SACRISTANS!

St. Mary of the Pines has a Sacristy Committee composed of women and men who take care of the altar, altar linens, sacred vessels, and other things used during Mass and other services. Their ministry is an essential service to the parish community. It is a hidden ministry because they are not usually visible, or we don't notice them.

At St. Mary's we do not have the services of religious men (brothers) or women (religious sisters). In past years they took on the work of caring for the sacristy and all that implies. The Sacristy Committee at St. Mary's is parishioners who:

- Prepare the altar and all that is needed for weekday, Sunday, and Saturday Anticipation Masses;
- Prepare the altar for weddings, funerals, Holy Day Masses, Holy Week liturgies, and most other celebrations in church; and
- Keeps an eye on the priest's vestments, Altar Servers' robes, Altar linens, sacred vessels and other things used at Mass and services, candle needs for Masses, weddings and other devotions.

Anyone interested in assisting with this Ministry of the Sacristy should call the Parish Office at 318 687 5121 and ask about this ministry.