

Instructions For The Use of Altar Bells During Mass At Saint Frances Cabrini

Beginning the weekend of June 1st and 2nd, 2013 for all Masses.

The altar bells are kept on a small cushion, near the edge of the top sanctuary step, in front of the ambo where the servers kneel during Mass.

The altar bells are rung three times by the altar servers, at two different points during the Eucharistic Prayer (while the servers are kneeling with the congregation). To know when to ring them, it is important to listen to the words the priest is saying and to watch his hand gestures all of the time.

To ring the bells, they are lifted off the cushion and shaken with a movement of the wrist. To silence them, they are placed back on the cushion. Continuously shaking them at the wrist creates a continual ring of the bells; they can also be rang in short bursts for a varied number of rings.



First ring:

Words of the priest:

Hand gesture of the priest:

Type of ring:

the Epiclesis, near the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer

the priest calls the Holy Spirit down upon the gifts.
both hands outstretched over top of the chalice and the paten

one, short, ring of the bells.



Second Ring:

Words of the priest:

Gesture of the priest:

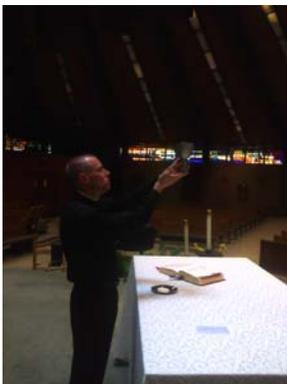
Type of Ring:

the first elevation (of the host)

the priest is silent

the priest holds the consecrated host up over his head for the people to see.

3 rings of the bells.



Third Ring:

Words of the priest:

Gesture of the priest:

Type of Ring:

the second elevation (of the chalice)

the priest is silent

the priest holds up the chalice with the Precious Blood over his head for the people to see.

3 rings of the bells.

For a video instruction on this procedure visit the parish website. Thank you. <http://www.saintfrancescabrini.com/Servers>