Vocabulary

2 Altar: the table of the Lord.

5 Altar cloth: white cloth that covers the Altar.

Ambo: the table of the word (of God).

4 Ambry: storage area for the Holy oils.

3 Book of the Gospels: a large, usually fancy, book containing all the gospel readings for Mass. Carried in entrance procession.

Cantor: leader of the singing.

Cantor stand: where the Cantor leads the singing.
Cathedra: chair for the Bishop in the Cathedral.
Chalice: the vessel that holds the Blood of Christ.

Ciborium: the vessel that holds the Body of Christ. (plural: ciboria)

Corporal: white cloth with a red cross on it, on which are placed the vessels during Mass.

Cross: symbol of Christ's death, usually made of wood.

Crucifix: a cross with a statue of Christ crucified on it. (corpus)

Cruet: small pitcher to hold water for Mass.

Holy Water font: water holders usually near the doors of the church from which people can bless themselves upon entering the church. (May also use Baptismal font for this)

Lectionary: book that holds all the readings of the Mass.

Missal: book that contains all the prayers of the Mass. (tabs on the side of the pages.)

Nave: main body of the church, roof shaped like an upside down boat. (navy) Pall: small still square of linen to place on top of the chalice, also the cover for a casket at funerals. (pall bearers)

Paten: small plate for holding hosts during Mass.

Presider's chair: where the priest sits during Mass. (see also Cathedra.) Purificator: small cloth square used to wipe chalice and wine cups during Communion.

Sanctuary: area containing Altar and Ambo. (safe place during the Middle Ages.)

Sanctuary Lamp: candle in red shade that is lit whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present.

Tabernacle: shrine-like area used to hold reserved Blessed Sacrament.

Vestibule: gathering area by the front doors of the church.