Everyday Catholicism

Can a Priest Celebrate Mass Without Wearing a Chasuble?

Ordinarily, no. When a priest celebrates Mass, the Church requires him to wear the prescribed vestments: an alb, a stole, and a chasuble. These are not simply formal clothes. They help us recognize that at Mass the priest serves Christ and the Church, rather than acting in his own name.

Sacred garments have a place in the Bible. In the Old Testament, garments were made for Aaron and the priests who served in worship (Exodus 28:2–4). Christian vestments developed in a different setting, from clothing worn in the ancient Roman world. Over the centuries, the chasuble became the distinctive outer garment of the priest celebrating the Eucharist.

The chasuble is worn over the alb and stole. Its color ordinarily follows the season or feast being celebrated. The stole is also required; wearing a chasuble does not replace it. Each garment has its place, and together they remind us that the celebration of Mass belongs to the worship of the whole Church.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that the chasuble is the proper vestment of the priest celebrating Mass (GIRM 337). Canon law likewise requires priests and deacons to wear the vestments prescribed for the Eucharist (canon 929). A priest therefore may not leave off the chasuble simply because he finds it inconvenient or prefers to wear only an alb and stole.

There is a specific exception when several priests celebrate Mass together. For a just reason, such as a large number of priests or a shortage of vestments, concelebrants other than the principal celebrant may wear an alb and stole without a chasuble (GIRM 209). If a priest celebrates without the required chasuble, that omission does not by itself invalidate the Eucharist. But a valid Mass is not necessarily one celebrated according to the Church's liturgical rules.

The next time you see the priest vesting for Mass, notice the chasuble and its color. It is a simple reminder that the Eucharist is not a private act of the priest, but the prayer of Christ and his Church.

Catechism Connection: Exodus 28:2–4; CCC 1145–1149; GIRM 209, 337; canon 929; Redemptionis Sacramentum 123–126.



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."
— Matthew 25:14-30

November 15, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sat.	14	+Eric Solum
Sun.	15	+Barbara Sharp
Mon.	16	+B. Dona Mary
Tues.	17	+Joanne Tobias
Wed.	18	+Teresa Woodman
Thurs.	19	+Manuel F. Farao
Thurs.	19	(Spanish) Birthday Thanksgiving of Oscar Mora, Claudia Mora, and Jovan Avina
Fri.	20	St. Joseph's Parishioners
Sat.	21	+Eric Solum
Sun.	22	+Mary Fatooh

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Office Hours
Monday–Thursday
10:00 AM–4:30 PM
Friday — Closed

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Mass Schedule
Monday–Friday — 9:00 AM
Thursday — 6:30 PM (Spanish)
Saturday Vigil — 5:00 PM
Sunday — 10:00 AM

Rosary
Weekdays — 8:30 AM

Confessions
Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday — 4:00 PM

Adoration & Benediction
Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass

Restorative Partners Appeal

Sister Theresa Harpin and her team will speak at Saint Joseph at the Saturday, November 21, 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and Sunday, November 22, 10:00 a.m. Mass. They will explain how Restorative Partners helps people affected by crime in our county and how parishioners can volunteer or give. For details about volunteering or donating, visit **www.restorativepartners.org**.

Bingo Night

Bingo Night will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. An entry bingo packet is $15. Hot dogs and popcorn will be available. Attendees must be 18 or older.

Everyday Catholicism: Read Previous Articles

Have you missed any of our weekly Everyday Catholicism articles in the parish bulletin? You can find previous articles on our parish website at **www.saintjosephcayucos.org**. Simply click on the Faith Formation tab. Everyday Catholicism is a weekly series that helps us better understand our Catholic faith and live it more fully in our daily lives.

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday, November 15, the Church celebrates the tenth World Day of the Poor. Pope Leo XIV has given it the theme "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6) and invites us to be a refuge for our brothers and sisters in need. Please remember them in your prayers and your giving this week.

Rosary, Adoration and Benediction

Please join us for the Rosary every day at 8:30 a.m. Adoration and Benediction take place every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Bible Sharing

Please join us every Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for Bible Sharing. We reflect on the readings for the following Sunday and listen to how God's Word speaks to our lives. Come and share with us, or simply listen. Everyone is welcome.

Supporting Our Parish

If you would like to make a special gift to Saint Joseph Parish, you may designate your donation to our Capital Campaign, which supports major parish projects such as the rectory, or to our Facilities and Maintenance Fund, which helps care for and maintain our church and parish facilities.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Joseph. Online giving is available through the parish website at **saintjosephcayucos.org**, where you may choose from these and other giving categories.

You can also give online by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED

Steve Santi	Mary Moloney	Bonnie Bowman
Stan Piwowarski	Mickey Bruno	Bill Mazzacane
Jim Tobias	Gary & Bonnie Nelson	Editha Andres
Innette Starkenburg	Butch Rambaud	William Baldwin
Steve Buller	Marina Taverner	Sandy Johnson
Michael Shields	Keith Hart	Don Swain
Camelia Cross	Glen Bennett	Parker Cyr
Carlos Cortes	Allen & Alba Beltrametti	Terry Cross