



Diocese of  
Green Bay

## OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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### ALTAR WINE

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Canon 924, §3, which specifies the wine that is to be used for the Blessed Sacrament, states: “The wine must be natural, made from grapes of the vine, and not corrupt.” The instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* states:

“The wine that is used in the most sacred celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice must be natural, from the fruit of the grape, pure and incorrupt, not mixed with other Substances. During the celebration itself, a small quantity of water is to be mixed with it. Great care should be taken that the wine intended for the celebration of the Eucharist is well conserved and has not soured. It is altogether forbidden to use wine of doubtful authenticity or provenance, for the Church requires certainty regarding the conditions necessary for the validity of the sacraments. Nor are other drinks of any kind to be admitted for any reason, as they do not constitute valid matter.”

Some wines, especially the lesser expensive wines such as those that come in boxes, often have sugar, flavors, or other additives and should not to be used in the celebration of Mass. Please take care to use wine that has been approved for sacramental use.