

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Thank you for accepting Our Lord's invitation to serve Him in this beautiful service to His people. It is a great privilege for us to be an instrument through which He feeds His children with the spiritual nourishment we so desperately need.

Our own devotion, love and respect for the gift of His Body and Blood is communicated in the way we prepare and reverently carry out this ministry.

Before Mass:

- If you are not able to fulfill your scheduled assignment, please find a replacement
- Dress reverently: Obviously no jeans or shorts.
 - o Men – please try to wear a tie or a jacket
 - o Women – please dress in a modest, formal attire
- Arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass and check in on signup sheet in vesting room.
- Please try to keep the vesting room a place of prayerful preparation
- Pray together in the vesting room with the priest upon invitation

During Mass:

- Approach the altar during the “Lamb of God.”
- Purify hands at the station by the Statue of St. Anne
 - o If you pass by the altar, please bow
- Stand in line below the step before the altar
- You will first all receive the Body, and then the Blood in the usual manner
- If you are a minister of the cup, then purify the place where the Blood was consumed using the purificator
- After receiving Holy Communion, the end two or three ministers proceed to the stations by the music area.
- If any Blood spills – place purificator over it and notify priest
- If any Body falls – pick it up and give to the priest
- When finished, please bring either the chalice or paten to the altar
- If you have unfolded the purificator, please refold it
- If there is any remaining Precious Blood, go to the altar and reverently consume
 - two hands, purificator held with hand underneath the chalice
- For those ministers of the Body, purify fingers in ablution bowl

After Mass:

- Those assigned to clean vessels, please do so in a timely manner
 - o On weekday's: this is part of your responsibility

Homebound:

- Please prayerfully consider volunteering to bring Holy Communion to homebound, important part of our ministry
- Those bringing Holy Communion to homebound
 - o Please use the burse and wear around neck
 - o Please go directly to homes
 - o Follow the proper rite provided on printed card
 - o If there are any unused hosts, light candle and place in the tabernacle in the vault
 - o Place empty pyx outside of burse to show it needs purification

Other Notes:

- People are free to receive the Body either in the hand or on the tongue
 - o Be careful not to physically touch their tongue
- Be attentive to those who are not able to come forward for Holy Communion
 - o Some sit in the front pew, and they would receive first
 - o Some sit in the back pew, and they would receive later
 - The ministers whose line is finished first would proceed to the back for those seated there
- For those who need gluten free hosts, they are in the vesting room and those in need are directed to place a host in a pyx, place it in the paten and receive from the Main Celebrant.
- Use of Sacramentum – for sacred use only
- When there are not enough Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, if you are not dressed appropriately, please wait first to see if someone else comes forward to assist, and if not, please come forward