

Eucharistic Ministers of Communion

Thank you all for volunteering your talents to serve as Eucharistic ministers. There are a few new Eucharistic ministers that have volunteered this year. Please take the time to help answer any questions they may have. Remember we too, were once new to this ministry. The following instructions are to enable everyone to serve with confidence, those who are new and those who appreciate the reminders.

1. When you are scheduled to serve as a Eucharistic minister, please arrive at Mass 15-20 minutes before the start of Mass. Go into the sacristy to sign up on the volunteer sheet, choose whether you will serve the Blood or the Body of Christ and take a cross to wear when you serve communion. If you are not scheduled and would like to help you may check the sacristy 5 minutes before the start of mass to volunteer your talents.
2. The Eucharistic ministers will approach the altar after the sign of peace. Come forward to the altar and wait in place at the front until all of the ministers have made their way to the altar. Then as one, bow and take your place around the altar. The Blood of Christ ministers go to the left and the Body of Christ ministers to the right. Those serving the Body may wash your fingers or use the hand sanitizer on the side railing.
3. Prepare to receive the Body & Blood at the altar from Father. Once you have received the bread, the cups will be distributed. The Bread minister will receive the gold chalice from Fr and then share it with the altar servers on the right side of the altar before taking it to the last Cup minister on the other side of the altar. If you are a cup minister step forward towards Fr. to receive the cup. The first cup minister will then share the cup with the altar servers beside them. The bread minister will then turn to the altar to receive the ciboria holding the hosts to distribute after he has handed off the gold chalice.
4. Follow Father down from the altar to the front of the congregation to distribute communion. There will be 3 lines coming to communion. Father Ron will be in the middle, Father Don (if present) on the right side (when facing the altar) and the other bread minister on the left side (by the choir).

Two cup ministers will go to each side a few steps further than where the Bread is being distributed.

5. Once the congregation has received communion Fr Ron will return to the altar to await the vessels. The Bread minister on the right will serve any elderly who have requested of the usher to take communion in their seat and the bread and cup ministers on the left will serve the choir.
6. Once communion has been completed return all vessels to the altar. **Cup ministers do not consume the remaining wine.** Wait in the sanctuary until all communion ministers have returned to their place. Once they have, move together to the front of the altar and bow together before returning to your seat.

Washing of the Sacred Vessels after Communion

As part of your commitment, it is your responsibility to help your team with the cleanup and placement of the Sacred Vessels after the weekend Masses.

1. The four **Purificators** (small white towels used to wipe the chalices)
 - place the used Purificators in the white plastic laundry bin after each Mass
 - replace 4 Purificators on the round silver tray
 - the Purificators are in the small drawers under the upper cabinets in the Sacristy.
2. The three **Communion Cups**
 - these are the only Sacred Vessels to be totally immersed into soapy water, rinsed and then dried.
 - after the 5:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses, returned the Communion Cups and Purificators to the credence table by the altar.
 - after the 11:00 am Mass leave the filled tray on the counter in the Sacristy.
3. The **Gold Chalice** and three **Gold Ciboria** (holds the Body of Christ)
 - with a damp dish cloth, wipe the inside and outside of all these vessels. Make sure to wash the rim of the Gold Chalice well and rinse. **(Do not immerse)** Then dry with a towel.
 - arrange the Gold Chalice on the altar in this order:

- a. Chalice
- b. Purificator
- c. Paten (round gold plate)
- d. Large host (found in small white plastic container on the Credence table)
- e. Pall (stiff white square)
- f. Corporal (white square cloth)

- after the 5:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses return the assembled Chalice to the Credence table.

- after the 11:00 am Mass, leave the chalice with the Communion Cups on the round silver tray in the Sacristy. There is no need to set up the chalice as described above.

The Gold Vessels (Ciboria) that holds the Body of Christ:

- after the 5:00 pm and 9:00 am Mass, these vessels are placed on the table at the back of the church for everyone to place their host into.

- after the 11:00 am Mass, these vessels are left with their lids off on the counter in the Sacristy.

4. Wine Decanter with Stopper

- after the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am Masses refill the decanter with wine and make sure the outside is not sticky. If sticky, please wipe with a wet cloth and dry.

- Place the decanter and small container of water on the table at the back of church for the following mass.

- After the 11:00 am Mass, the decanter and stopper is rinsed with clean, clear water. Leave the stopper off and place on the counter in the Sacristy.

Thank you for your Service.

God Bless