

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

It is a special ministry in the church. When we serve God in church, we learn how to serve God outside of church, by helping people who are in need, by taking care of each other and the earth that we live on, by loving people that no one else loves.

The following are the Eucharistic Minister duties:

- Please note: Names won't be announced at the beginning of Mass. The Eucharistic Minister schedule will be posted at all the entrances of the church. Emails will also be sent.
- 7 Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled for each Mass. When the deacon is present at Mass, we will need one less Eucharistic Minister.
- After the Sign of Peace, proceed to the sacristies to wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Please be conscious of completing hand washing before entering the sanctuary, trying to enter the sanctuary as soon as possible.
- If you are using the server sacristy, please walk behind the tabernacle to pick up the Eucharistic Minister cross. Please put the cross on before you enter the sanctuary.
- Enter the sanctuary with folded hands (in the manner where the fingers are pointed to heaven.)
- Stand with hands folded and refrain from talking to one another the entire time you are on the sanctuary.
- When you hold up the Host saying "The Body of Christ," do not rush. Give the receiver at least a second to adore Jesus before receiving. Please refrain from using personal names when distributing.
- If the Host is dropped, pick it up and leave it in your hand. Please consume the host when you return to the altar.
- When distributing the Precious Blood, wipe the edge of the cup with the purificator (finger towel) turning it slightly before offering it to the next person. If there is any left, consume it before putting the cup on the altar for the priest or deacon to clean.
- If some of the Precious Blood is spilled, place the purificator over the spill leaving it there until it can be cleaned by the priest or deacon.
- After Communion, make sure the altar is cleared and the vessels are cleaned in the sacristy. Please maintain the silence after Communion, refraining from talking when possible.
- If Deacon Mark is not distributing Communion, Father will give someone the ciborium with the consecrated hosts, please wait for Father to bow before the ciborium, and then place the Consecrated hosts in the tabernacle and remove the key. Put the key in the cupboard in Father's sacristy.
- When cleaning the wine vessels, pour water in one vessel and then pour into another vessel until all of the vessels have had water in them and then pour water into the covered sink. Dry with towel.
- Brush all the crumbs from the Communion vessels into the covered sink and then run a little water to make sure crumbs are gone/
- Return to your pew using the sides of church, walking behind the tabernacle when necessary.