

**“The LITURGY is the SUMMIT towards which
the activity of the Church is directed;
at the same time it is the
FONT from which all power flows.”**

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy - Documents of Vatican II

We are called to serve one another as members of the parish community. We are challenged by the example of Jesus to reach out in loving service to others, offering hospitality and welcome to the community at large. Strengthened by our prayer together, we are empowered to make our faith present in our daily lives.

Eucharistic Minister Guidelines

BEFORE MASS AND DURING THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please participate with the rest of the assembly. There is no designated place for Eucharistic ministers to sit but it would be helpful if you were located somewhere near the end of the row so that you can leave your row easily.

THE COMMUNION RITE

1. Come to the sanctuary from your place in the assembly during the Lamb of God. Please bow as you proceed into the sanctuary, reverencing the Real Presence of Christ. Do not wait for the other ministers.
2. All ministers of communion line up behind the altar. Be prepared to indicate to Fr. Tom if you are one of the cup ministers.
3. After the prayers, Fr. Tom will offer the bread to all communion ministers. Then he will present the Precious Blood to the cup ministers. He/she consumes the Precious Blood, then receives a purificator from Father. Cup ministers then distribute the Precious Blood to the remaining host ministers.
4. Host ministers receive a prepared ciboria from Fr. Tom, and listen to Father's instruction about where in church he would like them to distribute.
5. As Fr. Tom moves into the nave, all Eucharistic Ministers move to their respective communion stations. Cup ministers should position themselves so that they are easily seen, yet not blocking the flow of communicants.
6. Cup ministers, when all the Precious Blood has been consumed from their chalice, should take the empty vessel to the sacristy and place it by the sink. Cup ministers then return to their pews. Upon crossing in front of the altar, please bow.

7. After all parishioners have received communion, host ministers proceed to the altar and place their ciboria on the altar. Host ministers then return to their pews. Upon crossing in front of the altar, please bow.

PURIFYING THE VESSELS - After Mass

1. After the Liturgy, any available minister may return to the sacristy to help purify the vessels.
2. Consume any precious blood remaining in cups.
3. Wash vessels with soap and water and dry with the towels near the sink.
4. Return soiled purificators and towels to the laundry basket in the closet.

TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

There is a constant need for this very important ministry, taking the Eucharist to the shut-in and homebound members of our parish community. We extend the Eucharistic celebration and the community's prayerful support for those unable to join with us at Sunday Mass. If you would like to minister the Eucharist to the sick, please contact Fr. Tom.

Please be aware that Eucharistic Ministers and other liturgical ministers set an example for the assembly. Appropriate dress is required for ministers who wish to convey the importance of giving God our "Sunday Best".