

LITURGICAL PROTOCOL
for
LAY READER and COMMUNION MINISTERS

- 1) Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass begins and check in with your Mass captain.
- 2) Please sit in the worship area where you can quickly and easily get to the sanctuary.
- 3) All ministers will ascend and descend the sanctuary by the main steps. DO NOT use the side steps.

Lay Readers (If a deacon is not present)

LR #1 - Reads the *first reading* then turn page to 2nd reading and intercessory prayers.

LR #2 - Enters the sacristy 8 minutes before Mass begins and processes with altar servers and Father into the nave carrying the Book of Gospels. Reads *second reading*, when finished put Lectionary on shelf under ambo.

Cantors may not be LR at the same Mass

EOMs (If deacon is not present)

As soon as Fr. Barker reaches for the chalice go up, bow toward the altar, do not wait for the other EOM's, and stand in place. When returning your vessels to Fr. Barker after communion the paten is in your right hand and purificator in your left hand; then go to credence table and dip your fingers in the small bowl of water to rinse off any communion fragments; dry them on the purificator by the bowl.

EOM #1 will stand at the altar next to Fr. Barker and assist with distributing communion to the EOMs; return to the altar to receive your paten; and distribute communion next to Fr. Barker at the main aisle.

EOM #2 and #3 will stand behind the altar and in front of the tabernacle.

EOM #1 after distributing communion go up to the altar and hand father your paten and purificator. Let him know how many hosts you need. He will then hand you a paten with the correct number of hosts and purificator. You will then distribute to non-ambulatory communicants. Sacristan will let you know, before Mass, if there are any non-ambulatory communicants and where they are sitting. Distribute communion quickly and return to the altar to return communion items to Fr. Barker

EOM #2 will distribute communion to the choir side of the church. Stand in the center of the aisle, using the mic stand as a marker, between the choir chairs and the pews. Serve the Choir first before the side section. This section comes up the outside aisle and goes back to their seat using the aisle between the ambo center pews and side pews. When you are finished distributing communion go to center aisle and distribute communion standing next to EOM #1. Once everyone has received communion, return communion items to Fr. Barker—paten in your right hand, purificator in your left hand.

EOM #3 will distribute communion to the presider's side of the church. Stand all the way over to the outside aisle of the pews so parishioners on this side know they are to use the outside aisle to receive Holy Communion. Parishioners will return to their seats using the aisle between the presider's area pews and the side pews. When you are finished distributing communion go to center aisle and distribute communion standing next to Fr. Barker. Once everyone has received communion, return communion items to Fr. Barker—paten in your right hand, purificator in your left hand.