

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Thank you for volunteering to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Sorrowful Mother Parish. You are a very important Apostolate for our parish.

As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion our main focus is to distribute the Eucharist in the form of bread and wine at Mass. We are also called upon to take the Eucharist to persons who are sick in hospitals, nursing homes and in their homes.

There are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assigned for every weekend Mass. Your particular assignments will be made on the published schedule.

Your responsibilities include:

1) When you arrive at an assigned Mass, put on a medal, and be seated in your pew.

2) During the Lamb of God, all of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should line up near the St. Joseph statue.

3) After the priest has received Communion, all of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should line up on the top step by the altar.

4) The priest will distribute Eucharist to all of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The priest will then give the Eucharist for distribution.

5) The Extraordinary Ministers of the Cup will offer the Cup to the other Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

6) They will then take their places where they will distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the people. Fr. Paul will distribute the Eucharist to the sick, meanwhile, the other Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will begin distributing Holy Communion.

7) While distributing Holy Communion, please be on the lookout for persons who steal the Eucharist. If you notice that someone has put the Eucharist in their pocket or otherwise not consumed it, please ask for it back. It is a terrible thought that someone would use the Eucharist for a Black Mass or discard it inappropriately.

8) Persons should not dip the host into the cup. If someone chooses to do this, please tell them after Mass that they should not do this.

9) When distributing the Eucharist, be as pastoral as possible!!!! If a person is not receiving Holy Communion, you are welcome to make the sign of the cross on their forehead as a sign of unity, but this is not a blessing.

10) Persons are expected to receive the Eucharist in a standing position. If a person chooses to kneel, DO NOT REFUSE THEM, but tell them that the practice in this diocese is to stand for the reception of the Eucharist.

11) If you are going to take the Eucharist to the Sick immediately after Mass, after you receive the Host place a host in your pyx.

12) Any Precious Blood not consumed by the congregation should be consumed by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This should be done in the sacristy. If you cannot finish the Precious Blood yourself, you should ask another Extraordinary Minister to help you. The Priest should be asked only as a last resort.

13) The Cups should be placed on the counter in the sacristy and covered by the cloth so that the priest can purify them after mass.

14) After Mass is completed, if you are taking the Eucharist to the Sick, you should take it as soon as possible to the sick person. Any hosts not consumed by the sick should be immediately consumed by the Eucharistic Minister.

Please remember that in distributing the Eucharist you are representing the Church, so please remember to dress appropriately. Dress should be modest and clean.

The parish sincerely thanks you for your time and energy in helping others to receive Jesus in the form of Bread and Wine. The Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place at the regular Masses on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please try to be present for this Commissioning.

God Bless you in your Ministry!!!!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Communion to the Sick

- 1) Enter the sick person's house with the Host in a pyx. Greet the sick parishioner.
- 2) Place the pyx on a convenient table or flat surface, preferably on a small white cloth.
- 3) Invite the person to pray. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
- 4) Afterward, genuflect, open the pyx and hold the Host before the person. Say, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."
- 5) Then still holding the Host before the person say, "This is the Body of Christ." Then give the Blessed Sacrament to the person.

Thank you for your help in caring for the sick. A priest will visit the sick on the First Friday of the month for the purpose of Anointing the Sick and offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you again for your consideration of our sick members.