

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Please arrive 10 minutes before mass begins and check in with the mass coordinator in the back of church before mass. Decide who will serve bread and wine to the musicians to avoid confusion on the altar.
- After the Sign of Peace, proceed to the altar. The lead bread minister should proceed to the tabernacle to take the Ciborium to the altar to be divided into the smaller patens. Bow or genuflect **after** opening the doors of the tabernacle.
- Wine servers stand to Father Bob's right, next to the servers, and **close to the rug**. Bread servers to the left.
- Father Bob will serve the body of Christ to all ministers and servers. Consume *after* Father Bob consumes. Look to the lead bread minister.
- **The first wine minister to receive the blood of Christ from Father Bob should consume and then serve to the lead bread minister**, then continue to the 2nd bread minister.
- The second wine minister to receive the blood of Christ should serve to the 3rd bread minister and then the servers.
- Once Father gives the patens to the bread ministers and begins to descend the steps to distribute communion, you may *then* move to your location. One wine minister and one bread minister will need to stay behind and serve to the musicians. This should be arranged before mass. Be sure the pianist receives communion if he or she desires.
- Wine ministers: gently wipe the cup each time someone consumes with your purificator. If you run out, walk to the top of the steps and stand near the altar. Face the congregation and place your purificator over, *not in*, your chalice.
- At the conclusion of communion, Father Bob moves first. You should *then* move with the rest of the ministers to the sacristy with your chalice and purificator. Bread minister 2 and 3 should leave their patens on the altar.
- Only the lead bread minister should stay at the altar to combine the consecrated hosts in the Ciborium. Allow the servers to remove the vessels. Upon returning the consecrated hosts to the tabernacle after communion, bow or genuflect **before** closing the doors.
- All ministers will return to the congregation together.
- **Whether proceeding to the altar, to your distribution spot, to the sacristy, or back to your seat, please do so reverently and silently.** It is important to remember you are distributing the body and blood of Christ.
- Once mass is over, it is the responsibility of *all* the ministers to help purify and clean the vessels. Please return to the sacristy to see if help is needed.

Thank you so much for taking such an active role in this ministry.