

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The ministry as a Communion Minister is a profound way that we humbly serve the Lord and minister to His people. We each serve with a sense of the profound responsibility of sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the People of God. Thank you for your service to the Church. Our Communion Ministers are a great blessing for our Church community.

Reminders

When you arrive at Church, please say a quiet prayer asking God to help you to serve to the best of your ability. If you are not feeling well, please let the clergy know and we will help to find a substitute.

If a circumstance arises and you find that you are unsteady on your feet or with your hands, please take some time away from this ministry out of respect for the Eucharist and the Church.

At the Blessed Sacrament Parish, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are included in the opening procession as a sign that you are being called from the community to serve the community.

While waiting for Mass to begin, please join the greeters in welcoming people to Church.

When you reach the head of the aisle, go past the livestream camera and face the center aisle. When the clergy enter the sanctuary, please face the altar and bow while the clergy make a sign of reverence. Then you return to your seats until it is time to come forward.

Come forward when the priest receives the host.

When you enter the sanctuary, please sanitize your hands once, before receiving Holy Communion.

The two Communion Ministers should stand on the opposite side of the aisle. One next to the altar step and the other next to the first pew. This allows people to walk past both ministers without having a crossing pattern.

When bringing Holy Communion to someone who is not able to come forward, please bring Holy Communion to the people in the pews first.

Blessing for children. Please say a short blessing and do not touch and no sign of the cross.

There is a jar with hand sanitizer near the communion stations. Please use the ablution jar and purificator if you happen to touch the tongue of a communicant.

The first person who is finished distributing Holy Communion on the tabernacle side should distribute Holy Communion to the ministers who will bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Please join in the recessional and greet people as they leave.

Prayer of Thanks for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lord, we give thanks for the members of our parish who serve your Church as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

May their actions reflect your call to serve and may their hearts reflect your love for everyone as they serve you in sharing your body and blood with our community.

With awe and wonder, they hold the Body of Christ and His Sacred Blood, so that our sisters and brothers may be fed with the Food of Life. Bless their hearts and their hands.

Litany of Thanksgiving

The response to the litany of thanksgiving is: Lord We Give You Thanks

For our sisters and brothers who willingly serve you and your people as an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. R.

For the sharing of their gifts and witness of their lives. R.

For the dedication of the Communion Ministers who bring presence to the home bound. R.

For the love of the Communion Ministers who bring your presence to our sisters and brothers in nursing homes. R.

For the gift of their time that shares your presence with all who come seeking you.

For their service to your Church as they share the Bread of Life with those who hunger for your presence.

Let us Pray.

Grant your strength and holiness to all your Extraordinary Ministers and make them worthy to bring Christ to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.