

# Eucharistic Ministers

## Before the Mass

- Arrive at least 10 minutes early to Mass and check your name
- Attire and appearance should be formal
- Double check to make sure that the chalices and purificators are out on the Credence Table and the key is in the Tabernacle.

## During the Mass

- After the sign of peace, ministers should come forward and bow toward the altar and take their places on the predella.
- One minister MAY need to go to the Tabernacle to bring another vessel for Communion.
- The priest will distribute Communion to all the ministers and servers.
- He will also distribute the Blood of Christ- following reception, the minister will also be handed a purificator for distribution to the congregation.
- Once all ministers have received, and the priest is ready, ministers should go to their stations to distribute to the congregation.
- Ministers distributing the Body of Christ-
  - Elevate the host and in a clear voice to the communicant say “The Body of Christ” to which they respond “Amen”.
  - The minister then places the host in either the palm of the hand or on the tongue of the communicant.
  - At the end of Communion, the priest will condense the remaining hosts and hand the ciborium to the minister to return to the Tabernacle. The minister should bow when receiving it and genuflect after placing it inside and closing the door.
- Ministers distributing the Blood of Christ-
  - The chalice should be slightly elevated and in a clear voice to the communicant say “The Blood of Christ” to which they respond “Amen”.
  - When the chalice is returned, wipe the area that was drank from with the purificator and turn the cup slightly (1/4 turn is sufficient).

- At the end of Communion, ministers should drink the remaining wine, and place the chalices on the altar for the priest to purify. Ministers should remain on the altar and genuflect/bow when the Tabernacle is closed and then return to their seats.

### After the Mass

- ALL MINISTERS should help in the clean up process.
  - All empty ciborium and chalices need to be washed with soap and water and dried.
    - After the 5pm, 11:30am, and 7pm Masses, chalices and the Tabernacle key should be placed in the sacristy closet and the door locked. Leave the bowl by the sink.
    - After the 8am and 10am Masses, return the chalices to the Credence Table and place fresh water, and purificators and the bowl out as well.
  - The empty water and wine carafe should be rinsed and placed upside down on the pegs.
  - Used purificators and wet towels should be placed in the hamper on the priest's side of the sacristy.
  - Be sure to blow out all of the candles.