

ST. Catherine of Siena Eucharistic Ministers

Guidelines



- > When serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please dress appropriately.
One should wear "regular clothing of a dignified appearance," from EM Handbook.
- > Please find a substitute if you cannot be present for an assigned Mass.
- > Start to walk up to the altar at the beginning of "Lamb of God"..
If you start up too late unassigned ministers will volunteer their services.
- > In response to concerns regarding H1N1 virus, there are 2 dispensers of antiseptic foam just inside either sacristy door before going up to serve stop and go to sacristy and use the foam
Other Options: Get to Mass early and use before Mass starts and do not shake hands with the sign of peace.
use your own hand sanitizer before going up to serve
If you are coming up to fill in at last minute, use the foam early just in case or the other options.
- > If you are not assigned, give those assigned a chance to get to the altar then, if needed, volunteer your services.
Always be dressed appropriately, sit up front where you can count and be prepared to serve if necessary.
- > Remember to bow your head and say "Amen" when you receive your Communion from the celebrant.
- > We cannot deny anyone who wants to receive.
- > Celebrants differ in how they do things on the altar, just go with the flow.
- > Everyone leaves the altar at one time.
- > If you are in the center, the celebrant will stand to your right at the foot of the altar.
- > When distributing the Host or Wine make sure to include the word "**The**"
i.e. The Body of Christ or The Blood of Christ.
- > When you are distributing Communion try to have eye contact with the communicant.
- > If you enjoy your ministry let your face show it and smile. Yours may be the only smile the person gets all day.
- > When you are distributing from the Chalice open the purificator and wipe the chalice with a different part of the purificator. Do not keep wiping with the same spot.
- > Whoever serves next to the celebrant, please take his ciborium when finished.
Do not transfer Hosts from the celebrant's ciborium or paten while walking - do this inside the tabernacle.
- > Some people will receive in their hand some on their tongue.
- > If you or a communicant drop a Host, pick it up, hold it and consume it inconspicuously when you turn around.
- > After the Eucharist is distributed, proceed to the tabernacle to place any undistributed Hosts in the tabernacle
Place chalices on the table. DO NOT CONSUME THE LEFT OVER PRECIOUS BLOOD AT THIS TIME.
- > No Precious Blood is to be carried over to the next Mass. All MUST be consumed at the end of every Mass.
This includes the celebrant's chalice. Do not consume in the sanctuary wait until you are in the sacristy.
- > After Mass bring the chalices and empty ciboria into the sacristy.
Make sure to consume any Precious Blood left in the chalices and any crumbs in the ciboria.
Rinse them over the sacrarium and dry with a purificator. Set up for next Mass as needed.
- > For the 9:00 - 10:30 and 12 Masses set up 4 goblets with about 3 fingers of wine in each and 4 purificators on side table. One ciborium and wine pitcher should be placed on table in back of church.
- > Additional unconsecrated hosts are in box in sacristy, if needed.
- > If you forget to check the schedule, there is one posted in the ushers' room.
- > There are separate schedules for Easter and Christmas - please volunteer.