

Procedures for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during Mass

It is a privilege and honor to be a Eucharistic Minister. Please dress appropriate to the important role that you have. You should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by your demeanor, your attire, and the manner in which you handle the consecrated bread.

Eucharistic Ministers should arrive in church at least fifteen minutes before Mass, and should always stay for the entire liturgy.

When you arrive in church, please sign in next to your name in the assignment book located on the podium in the Ministers Room. The line you sign on indicates your assigned position for the distribution of Communion. There is a chart on the bulletin board indicating these exact positions in church. The person signing the first line, position H1, is the captain for that Mass. Positions are as follows:

- Positions 1 and 2 go to the north wing of the church
- Position 3 is in the center next to the celebrant unless there is a concelebrating priest or deacon.
- Positions 4 and 5 go the south wing of the church.
- Positions 6 and 7 go to the back of the church if these positions are assigned based on need due to the time of year.

You should be seated in a pew of your choice as close to the front of the church as possible.

If you are the captain, please proceed to the vestibule of the church five minutes before Mass begins to take part in the procession. At the end of Mass, please participate in the procession out as well.

At the beginning of the LAMB OF GOD, the Eucharistic Ministers line up on the floor level directly in front of the lowest step in the center of the sanctuary in front of the altar.

When the priest begins to receive Communion, the captain assigned for that Mass, and only the captain, approaches the celebrant to receive the Lord's Body.
