

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

General Practice

- Holy Communion will be distributed under one form (i.e. the host).
- Three (3) extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be assigned to each Mass
- EMHC will vest in albs
- EMHC are invited to sit with their family or friends
- Holy Communion will be distributed at four (4) stations across the front of the worship space.
 - Two (2) stations in the middle; two (2) stations at the far aisles
 - When two (2) ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are present, one (1) EMHC will distribute the sacred specie to the handicap and choir (*when present*).

Before Mass

- Report to sacristy to indicate presence
- Conveniently sit with the congregation

During Mass

- After the final elevation (“Behold the Lamb of God ...”), EMHC are to move to the front center of the worship space
- EMHC will receive Holy Communion and then receive a ciborium from an MC or altar server
- EMHC will distribute Holy Communion from assigned stations;
 - *when two ordinary minister of Holy Communion are present*, one EMHC will proceed directly to handicap persons, and then move to the choir *if present*; the remaining two (2) EMHC will move to the side aisles
 - Once the EMHCs have finished distributing at the aisles, they are to offset themselves from the center stations and continue to distribute Holy Communion
 - *in the absence of an ordinary minister of Holy Communion*, EMHCs will go to the side aisles first, then assist at the center, and finally one will go to the handicap and the other will go to the choir (*if present*)
- After the congregation has come forward to receive, ciboria will be brought to the purification table
 - *If you are unable to ascend the stairs please indicate so before Mass begins and arrangements will be*
 - EMHC will return to their seats with the congregation