

## REMINDERS – SUNDAY MASS

- Process in: Cross bearer, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lector and Celebrant
- All do a deep bow at the foot of the altar except the Lector & Cross bearer (head bow)
- Only the EMs who process into the Church are to go to the sanctuary at Communion time
- Approach the altar after the “Sign of Peace”
- The Altar Server or Lector will have taken the Missal, cups and chalice to the altar. If any empty ciboria or purificators remain, the first EM to the credence table takes them to the altar. (Only one EM is to do this). After putting these on the altar, go to the end of the line to wash your hands. ---Line up along the side from the back of the lectern
- When the celebrant has finished receiving the Blood, all walk to the edge of the altar
- All receive the Body and Blood from the celebrant or the assisting priest
- Before receiving the Body and Blood a HEAD BOW is appropriate, NOT a deep bow
- Be ready to receive either the cup or the ciborium from the priest. When the priest gives you either the cup or ciborium, step back and allow the next EM to move up to the altar. Do not exchange the cup or ciborium—**KEEP** whichever you are given
- The first 2 EMs to receive the cups, go immediately to the middle of the church by the center isle and the first EM to receive the hosts, go to the middle of the church with the assisting priest. All walk down the center isle before and after distribution of the Body or Blood.
- The other EM with the hosts will stay in the front with the celebrant and the last two EM’s with the cups go to the left and right and stand close to the side altars. Make sure the EMs with the cups are not blocking the side isles for those who do not wish to receive the Precious Blood.
- For people in the front pew who will be receiving communion, the host should be given first. The EM with the Blood walks behind the EM of the Body, offering the cup
- After the EM says “Body (or Blood) of Christ” if the communicant does not answer “Amen” the EM should say it, before offering the host or cup
- Intinction is not permitted. If someone has not consumed the host and attempts to dip the host into the cup, cover the cup with your hand, indicate they should consume the host first and then offer the Precious Blood.
- After the communicant has received the Blood, wipe the rim of the cup with the purificator and turn the cup slightly before presenting it to the next in line
- Remember to look the communicant in the eye and smile when you give the Body or the Precious Blood
- If a person or child approaches who will not be receiving, you may bless them by putting your hand on their shoulder or their head and say: “I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit”
- After Communion, the EMs place the Ciborium on the altar
- The EMs with the Precious Blood, return the cups to the credence table. If there is any consecrated wine left, consume it or you may leave it on the credence table.
- When consuming the remainder of the Precious Blood, be at the credence table (not walking) and have your back to the congregation.
- Again line up behind the lectern. If there are any empty Ciboria or an empty cruet on the altar, the EM nearest the altar returns them to the credence table.
- When the tabernacle is closed, do a deep bow and return to your seat. Do not leave the altar until the tabernacle is closed.
- After the celebrant has given the final blessing and goes to the foot of the altar, the EMs join him there and process out in the same order as they processed in.
- The two EMs who stand in the front with the Precious Blood are to return to the sanctuary after Mass, bring in the cups and ciboria (and Chalice if the priest has not done it), consume the remaining Precious Blood or put in the sacrarium, purify the cups and then wash them in the sink. Put the cups and Ciborium on the counter for the next Mass, or if at the 5PM Mass on Saturday or 11:30AM or 5PM on Sunday, put them into the safe.
- The Lector also returns to the sanctuary, puts away the books, announcements, etc. and will cover the altar with the white cloth after the Saturday and Sunday 5PM Masses & 11:30 on Sunday. If needed, the EM will assist.