

## Eucharistic Ministers

- During Mass, we bow at the altar except when holding the Blessed Eucharist (in the form of bread and wine). Do not bow at the altar when holding the Eucharist.
  - Before/After Mass, genuflect to the Blessed Eucharist in the tabernacle when entering, leaving or passing the altar. During the Mass, bow instead of genuflecting at these times
- After exchanging the Sign of Peace with those adjacent to you, leave your pew, bow at the altar and stand on the left side of the altar
- As Father offers the host, bow and accept, saying “Amen”. When the cup is offered, bow and accept saying “Amen.”
- The first one to receive the cup from Father is asked to distribute the cup to the other ministers.
- Take your location in one of three places:
  - (Do not bow when leaving the altar and holding the paten/cup)
  - One cup minister on opposite side of main aisle as Father
  - Paten and cup ministers at the back of church near the choir
  - Paten and cup ministers in the side annex
- **Paten Ministers** (the paten is the plate holding the Body of Christ)
  - Offer the host saying “The Body of Christ” while holding the host in front of the person and looking at the person.
  - Place the host in the person’s hand or on their tongue.
  - Bless any children or adults who do not receive the host (their arms may be crossed) by placing your hand on their head and saying, “God Bless You”.
    - If host falls on ground, set aside in paten and bring to Father when returning to altar
- **Cup Ministers**
  - As you offer the cup, make eye contact and say, “The Blood of Christ”.
  - Use the cloth to wipe the lip of the cup, turn it a quarter turn then offer it to the next person.
    - If precious blood should be spilled, step in front of the spill and continue serving. When your line is done, leave your purification cloth on top of the spill and continue to the altar. Inform Father of the spill after Mass.
  - When your line is done, check the other ministers in case they’ve run out. Consume any precious blood remaining or return it to Father at the altar.
- Return to the altar and place paten or cup on altar table (do not bow at this time)
- Leave the altar, bowing with the other Eucharistic ministers before returning to seats
- If you are unable to fulfill your ministry assignment, please arrange for your replacement



***Thank you for service. May God bless you!***