

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

MEETING NOTES – (from FEBRUARY 2015)

This ministry is a ministry of love – be joyful when serving; be mindful that everyone is at a different place with their faith. Remember you have been given a privilege – convey your joy in serving with a smile.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are *Extra* Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – the priests and deacons are the Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – so in general, if we have an extra priest or deacon assisting at a Mass, we will need less Extraordinary Ministers than would normally be assigned.

Please note:

- Weekend Masses will generally have ten Extraordinary Ministers assigned to each Mass, except for the Sunday 12:30 & 5:15 Masses, which will have only eight.
- Extraordinary Ministers should come up to the altar at the BEGINNING OF THE LAMB OF GOD.

Of the ten assigned Extraordinary Ministers, six should line up on the Blessed Mother side of the altar – (and will minister from the center of the church at the ‘break’):

- The chalice will be given to the two Extraordinary Ministers in the middle, who will pass it along; it will ultimately be the two end EMs who will distribute the Precious Blood to the congregation.
- When leaving the sanctuary, the six Extraordinary Ministers should stop at the bottom step, do a slight ‘head bow’ in unison to the altar, turn towards each other and walk together down the aisle to their stations – the first two each go to the side aisles, the next two stay in the center, and the third & fourth will have the chalice and stand a few feet from the center aisle (**except at the 12:30 & Sunday 5:15 – see * below**)

The remaining four (two*) assigned Extraordinary Ministers will be on the St. Joseph side of the altar – (and will minister from the front of the church):

- The two ministers with the ciborium will go to the side aisles in the front; the two with the chalice will distribute from the front, standing between the center and the side aisles.
 - * The 12:30 & Sun. 5:15 Masses have only two stations for the chalice, so only two Extraordinary Ministers with the host will be on the St. Joseph side at those two Masses; the two ministers of the cup will come from the Blessed Mother’s side of the church, and remain in the front stations.

At some special liturgies, Extraordinary Ministers may be assigned stations – if you are serving at one of these liturgies, be sure to go to the station you are assigned to by the priest or deacon.

Extraordinary Ministers should not arbitrarily go up to serve if they are not assigned, but only if Matt (or Stephanie at the Sun. 5:15 Mass) ask for additional ministers to assist.

Extraordinary Ministers should not go up if they are not dressed appropriately, even if additional ministers are requested.