

Procedure for Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

At the start of the Lamb of God, ministers come from the assembly to the side tables to clean their hands. From there they take their place behind Father at the altar – 6 on the St. Francis Chapel side (which is the wine – the cross medallion) and 5 on the choir side (which is the host – the round medallion). Father will distribute the host to all ministers, he will then bring the large cup to the last person closest to the choir and he/she will distribute wine to the other host ministers. Father will then distribute the cups to the wine ministers. They will all proceed to their spot at the first platform. In the meantime, the Head Eucharistic Bread and Wine will go to the back pews (handicap pews) through the center aisle and start with the person furthest to the north. Continue across the center aisle and finish with the handicap in the second pew furthest to the south. Continue up the aisle left of center and go to your spot where the Usher will then release the people in the pew to come up front.

After the Communion procession, the host ministers will place all the Eucharistic vessels on the altar. The wine ministers will place the cups on the small table next to the altar.

Please leave through the St. Francis Chapel and drop off your medallion before you return to your seat.

The designated minister will remain below the ambo until the remaining Eucharistic elements have been placed in the tabernacle. He/she will then take the tray to the Chapel and set it on the counter until mass is completed.

After Mass, **the ministers will go to the Chapel to help clean the vessels** (see instructions on the back side of the page).

Cleansing of Sacred Vessels Procedures

1. After Communion has been distributed, Ministers of the Cup drink wine remaining in their chalice. Then the Priest will place the sacred vessels on the tray. An Extraordinary Minister will then take the tray from the altar and place it in the St. Francis Chapel.
2. After Mass has ended, two or three Extraordinary Ministers will take the tray into the sacristy to purify and cleanse the vessels:
 - The vessels that contained communion bread are purified by covering the bottom of the vessel with water.
 - The water is lightly swirled to remove any pieces of communion bread. That water is then poured into the next vessel and so on until each vessel has been rinsed.
 - The contents of the last vessel are poured into the large glass chalice and consumed by one of the Ministers.
 - The vessels are then rinsed a second time, as above, and the contents poured into the sacrarium.
 - The small glass chalices that contained the consecrated wine are purified as described above.
 - One of the chalices will be filled to one quarter with water; after gently swirling the water in the chalice, it will be poured into the next chalice and so on.
 - The contents of the sixth chalice will be poured into the larger chalice and consumed by one of the ministers.
 - ***Please use a purificator to catch any liquid as you pour the contents from one chalice into another.***
 - Rinse a second time, repeating what was done above. This time, pour the water from the last cup into the sacrarium.
3. The vessels may now be washed and rinsed in the sink. If a Mass follows, please prepare the tray for the next Mass.