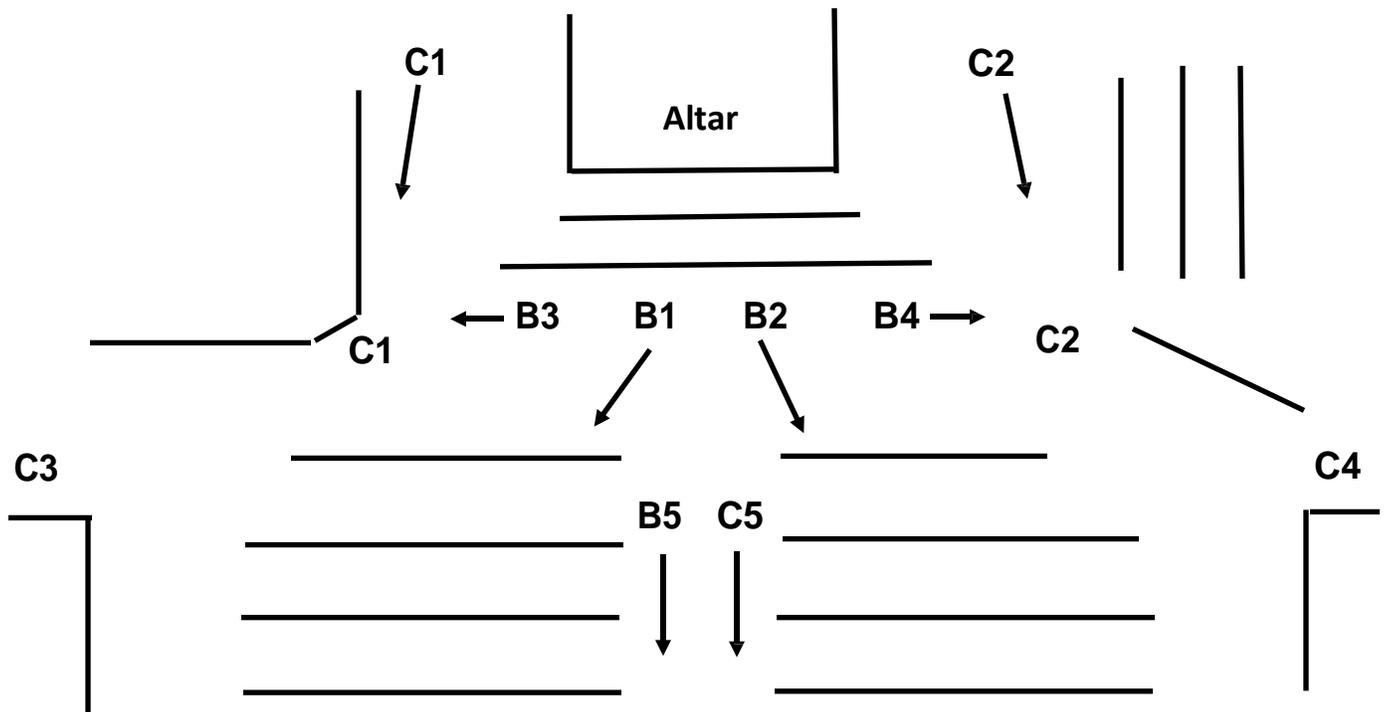


Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion configuration as of 7/2016



The following adjustments have been made to the EM positions:

- **B3** and **B4** will no longer stand in front of the front pews.
- **B3** and **B4** are positioned next to **B1** and **B2**.
- **B3** and **B4** will just turn and serve the side pews (ambo side and choir side) instead of **B1** and **B2**.
- **B1** and **B2** will go forward to serve the front pews, then go to their marked positions.
- **C3** and **C4**, on their respective sides, will follow **B1** and **B2** to the front pews, offering the Precious Blood, and then go to their marked positions.
- **C3** and **C4**. In order to prevent congestion at the side aisles it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you stand on your marked position. These positions have been carefully indicated so as not to block the aisles for those choosing not to receive the Precious Blood and are returning to their seats.
- **B5** and **C5** will first serve those in the chapel then serve the handicapped in the back rows as indicated by the ushers. They will also continue to serve the cantor(s). Musicians will not receive with the cantor. They will receive with those in the side pews.

The celebrant will watch to see when the last person receives. At that point he will return to the altar. Bread ministers will take their ciborium and hand it to him (do not place it on the altar). Cup ministers will consume the remaining Precious Blood where they stand and take the cups to the side credence tables. ALL MINISTERS should wash/sanitize before and after serving.

On the choir side only, if the cantors are receiving, please, out of courtesy, wait near the credence table until they are finished.

We thank you all for your participation in this most beautiful of ministries. What an honor it is to offer the Body and Blood of Christ to our fellow Catholics.

It's important that we have uniformity in the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament so we just wanted to bring to light a couple of areas that need to be refreshed. For many of you these points may not apply, so we thank you for your patience.

- EMs should step up to sanctuary **AS SOON AS the Celebrant begins to take from the chalice**. If the altar server doesn't move at this time, the first EMs should either prompt them or proceed up to the sanctuary.
- Remember to open the purificator. It defeats the purpose of the purificator if you wipe the cup with the same spot each time. The proper way to wipe the cup is to grasp the lip with the purificator between your thumb and index knuckle and wipe both the inside and outside edges. Then turn the cup 1/4 turn and use a clean part of the purificator for the next communicant.
- Remember not to have the purificator in the hand that slides down the railing—if you need to hold onto the railing, put the purificator in the same hand as the cup.
- ALL ministers, both cup and bread, should wash their hands or use sanitizer before AND after serving.
- When the cup minister places the empty cup on the credence table, the purificator should be draped over the cup, not pushed inside it.
- B5 and C5 should walk down the aisle towards the back of the church at a reverent pace and not rush so as to cause a possible spill of Precious Blood.
- The celebrant will remain standing until the last person receives. As soon as he turns to go up into the Sanctuary, bread ministers should take the ciborium up and hand it to the celebrant (do not place it on the altar) and cup ministers, consume remaining Precious Blood where you stand and then go to the credence table. B5 and C5 - should move to the front of the church AS SOON AS they are finished. Do not stand and wait at the back of the church. If the celebrant and other ministers have not moved, just start to come up and if you have to, wait at the front pews until you can move over to the cantor.
- Out of respect, if the cantors/musicians are still receiving, please wait at the choir side credence table until they are finished.
- We ask, when serving in this ministry, that women refrain from wearing sleeveless tops.