

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST AT MASS

This past week we had training for those interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister. In the question and answer period, a couple of issues were brought up that I believe deserve attention:

1. There are a number of lay Eucharistic Ministers that are not comfortable with placing the Eucharist on the tongue. I appreciate their apprehension during this time and at the same time acknowledge that some choose to receive Eucharist on the tongue. Therefore, I ask that if you are receiving the Eucharist on the tongue, please go to a line where a priest or deacon is ministering the reception of the Sacrament.
2. Please remember the sacredness of the Eucharist and refrain from chewing gum as you accept Jesus in this most special way. Jesus has enough competition....gum chewing should not be one of them.

Thank you for your attention to and respect of these issues.

Peace,
Fr. John