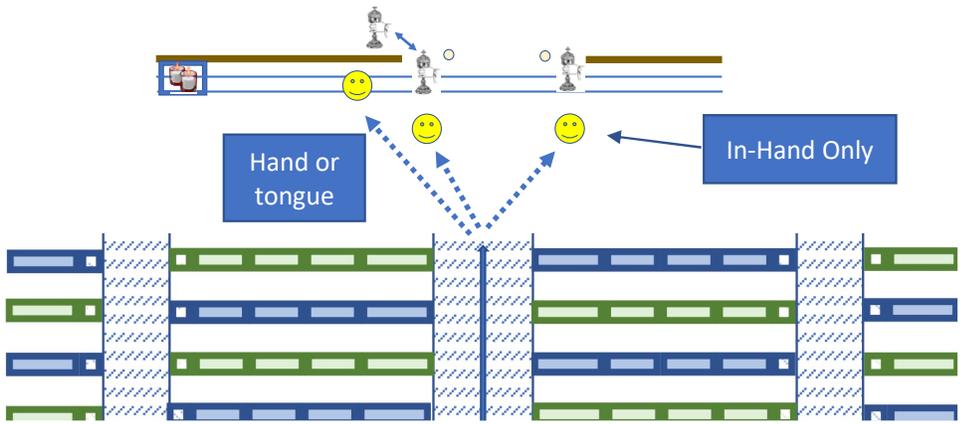


After the first week of our *ad experimentum* Holy Communion distribution procedure, and observing the patterns, I wish to make a couple minor adjustments. Like last week, those receiving in the hand may approach the communion station toward the pulpit/St. Joseph side, where communion will be distributed only in the hand. On Our Lady's side, Communion will be distributed both ways—hand or directly on the tongue—at the discretion of the communicant. If someone does wish to receive kneeling at the rail, just go the rail and kneel, and the priest or deacon (or brother) will come over to you and give you communion and then return to his post. (See modified diagram).



I had hoped that we could avoid bunching up together in the center aisle (where we end up standing in close proximity without moving), but it does not appear that we are able to practice self-control in this area. Therefore, I will ask one usher to stand in the center aisle and release the congregation, pew by pew, to approach the Communion stations. (Congregants in the side aisles may scoot through the pews to the center aisle and follow the guidance of the ushers.)

As we did last week, if there is not an extra minister or extraordinary minister to give communion to the handicapped row and those less ambulatory throughout the church at the beginning of Holy Communion distribution, a minister will come back after finishing in the front.

If someone wanting to receive Holy Communion on the tongue approaches in the wrong line, the ministers have been instructed to direct them to the other side or ask the minister in the other line to come over and give them Communion.

Fr. Matthew

**Give Thanks to the Lord**

**Thanksgiving Mass schedule**

**Thursday, November 25**  
**9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy**

**No Mass at St. Brigid**  
**No Eucharistic Adoration**

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**St. Brigid:** Beginning with the 1st Sunday of Advent, a Eucharist Minister (EM) will be assisting with the distribution of communion. To respect covid concerns, the celebrant or deacon will distribute from the altar as normal. The EM will distribute from the center aisle in the rear of the church. When distribution is complete, the EM will then take the Eucharist to members of the choir.