

Dear Eucharistic Ministers,

Beginning this weekend, April 30/May 1st we are making a few adjustments for Eucharistic Ministers.

1. Eucharistic Ministers come forward to the Women Witness side of the Altar during the Sign of Peace.
2. Eucharistic Ministers **will no longer need to wear masks** while distributing communion. While the variants of Covid continue to spike in some areas, we recognize that the EM's close proximity to each communicant is for less than 30 seconds. Every EM is encouraged to wear a mask if they feel more comfortable doing so.
3. Eucharistic Ministers **will receive communion immediately after the priest receives.**
4. EM's will purify their hands immediately after receiving communion.
5. The **first Eucharistic minister to receive communion**, after consuming the Body of Christ should **go to the table next to the priest chair, pick up the bottle of Purell and bring it to the other EM's.** The EM holding the Purell gives a little Purell to each person (this will minimize movement). After all EM's have sanitized their hands the priest will give you your communion plate. Once you are at your station, you can begin distributing communion.
6. When you receive your Communion plate, please come right to the edge of the platform rather than reach for the plate from a distance. (my progressive lenses do a trick on me when you are standing at a bit of a distance from the platform.)
7. After you have distributed to your line if you have the Body of Christ remaining in your plate, please transfer the hosts to the communion plate of another minister who is still distributing. Please do not go to another line and help out distributing, as it creates confusion for those in the communion line.
8. With regard to ministry to the Sick and Homebound:
 1. if you are available to bring communion to someone who is homebound, please see Sr. Susan.
 2. We are also looking for EM's who would be available to bring communion to patients at Ahuja Hospital and Regency Hospital.
 - a. At Ahuja Hospital, we presently have an EM for Monday's and Wednesday's.
 - b. For Regency Hospital, the rotation is once a month (generally on Sunday, but we can work with your schedule).

If you are available for any of these ministries to the sick, please see Sr. Susan or myself.

Thanks,

Fr. Tom Dragga