

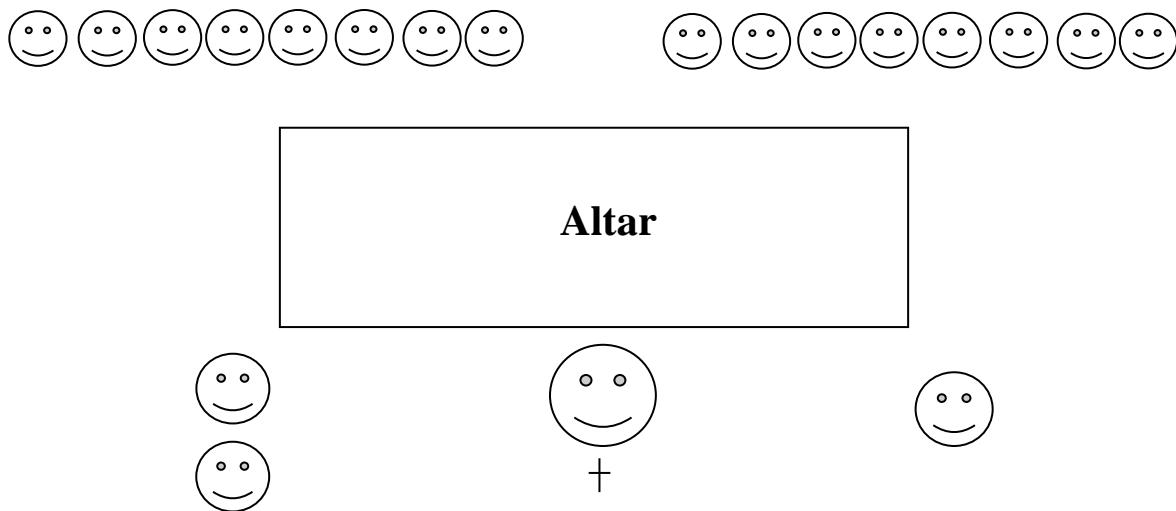
Communion Minister (aka Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion)

During Mass (Before Eucharist)

- If you have signed-up to be a Communion Minister or there is the possibility that you may be a Communion Minister for the Mass you are attending, use special care during the Mass that you do not cough into the hand you use to distribute the Body of Christ.
- Refrain from using a hand sanitizer before distributing the Blessed Sacrament. If you have been careful and refrained from coughing or sneezing into the hand you distribute with (and you use proper hygienic practices), there is no reason to sanitize. Only someone who has coughed or sneezed into their hands during Mass needs to sanitize their hands.

Communion

1. After the Passing of Peace, approach the Altar. Do a slight bow before approaching the Altar. Stand on the same side of the Altar as the side of the church you have been sitting.
2. When approaching the Altar, do not stand even with or in front of the Altar; you should be slightly behind and to the side of Father. Two Communion Ministers should stand on one side of Father with the third Communion Minister standing on the other side of Father. (*See diagram*)



3. In the event that all three Communion Ministers have been sitting on the same side of the church during Mass, the last to approach the Altar should do a slight bow in front of the altar and cross to the opposite side of the first two Communion Ministers. Never cross behind Father before Holy Communion has been distributed.
4. Since the Sign of Peace has completed by this time, do not exchange Peace from the Altar.
5. When Father drinks the Precious Blood, step close to Father so he only needs to turn to distribute to you.
6. Once Father has distributed the Body to those around the Altar, he will distribute the Blood to two of the Communion Ministers. The Communion Minister who will be distributing the Body of Christ will receive the Precious Blood from the Communion Minister closest to him/her.

7. Once everyone at the Altar has received the Body and Blood, Father will lead to the front of the Altar and begin distributing. Make sure everyone lets Father lead the way for distribution. The Communion Minister distributing the Body should stand several feet to the side of Father. The Communion Ministers distributing the Blood should stand about 8-10 feet to the side of the Body distributors. Do not stand in a corner.
8. When distributing, make sure you clearly say, “The Body of Christ,” or “The Blood of Christ.” Distributors of the Blood need to make sure you “pinch” the Chalice with the cloth as you wipe. We want to make sure the inside and outside of the Chalice are cleaned.
9. In the event you are distributing the Body of Christ and the consecrated host is dropped, the distributor picks up the Body of Christ and consumes it. After you have consumed the dropped consecrated host, re-distribute to the parishioner.
10. In the event you are distributing the Precious Blood and the chalice is dropped or some of the Precious Blood is spilled, place your cloth (the purificator) over the spilt Blood and stand in a place where no one can step on or walk through the area where the Precious Blood was spilled. Once Mass has concluded, clean the Precious Blood.
11. If you are distributing the Precious Blood and it is completely consumed, stay standing in your location with your cloth or hand over the top of the Chalice so it is obvious you can no longer distribute.
12. The Communion Minister who has been distributing the Body of Christ with Father should distribute the Body to the musicians who have been celebrating from the Organ/Choir loft once his/her receiving line has finished. Only those musicians who have been singing/playing or individuals with disabilities should receive without being a part of the distributing procession.
13. Once the distribution of Holy Communion has been completed, Father will lead the way back to the Altar followed by all Communion Ministers. Those who distributed the Precious Blood should go to the Credence Table, drink the remaining Precious Blood (if possible) and place their Chalices on it along with their cloth laid across the top of the Chalice. The Communion Minister who distributed the Body of Christ should place his/her Ciborium on the glass surface on the Altar.
14. Father will both remove and place the Body of Christ (i.e., the ciborium) in the Tabernacle prior to the Lamb of God and once the distribution of Holy Communion has been completed. He will not ask Eucharistic Ministers to do this.
15. When leaving the general sanctuary area, turn and do a slight bow toward the Altar before proceeding to your pew.