

- After Holy Communion is finished, **the FIRST EMHC who returns to the sanctuary waits at the altar.** Father will consolidate the remaining Hosts and take them to the Tabernacle. All cups and plates are brought to the altar, and the waiting EMHC takes chalices and plates to the side table and covers them with the white cloth, and then returns to their seat.

- For those distributing the Precious Blood, if there is any remaining, come to the altar, consume what is left, or leave the chalice on the altar.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS:

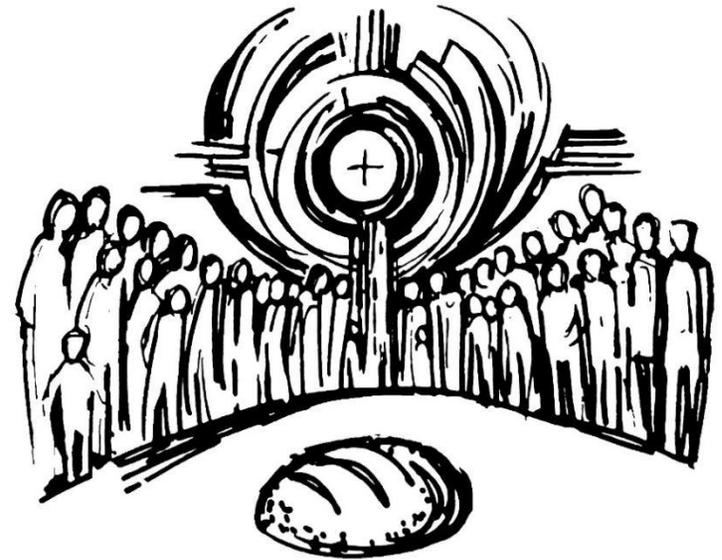
- *EMHC's taking Holy Communion to shut-ins, should place pyxes on the altar before Mass with a note as to the # of Hosts needed. Please come up to the altar after Communion for a little blessing as you take the pyx. (This is the preferred way.) ALWAYS GO DIRECTLY TO THE SHUT-IN once you have the Hosts. Do not play the radio or stop to chat with people. PLEASE consume any hosts you do not distribute. Please carry the pyx in the small case provided (around your neck) as a sign of reverence.

AFTER MASS

TWO EMHC's should stay after Mass and bring the vessels to the sacristy, where the interiors are to be washed in hot soapy water, rinsed, carefully dried and put away.

Thanks for your care and concern for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Fall 2019



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



The Emmaus Pastorate
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BEFORE MASS:

- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the Precious Blood and Body of Christ. Shorts, flip-flops and revealing tops are to be avoided.
- All ministers should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass. Go to the sacristy, sign in, wash your hands, and wait to pray at 10 minutes before Mass. Due to the importance of this ministry, all ministers should take it upon themselves to get a sub if, for some reason, they are not able to fulfill this ministry. If all else fails, please notify Father or the sacristan.
- Be present in the sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass to pray with the presider and other ministers—then you may return to your place in the assembly.

DURING MASS

- Every EMHC is first and foremost a member of the worshipping assembly, therefore it is important to participate fully in the prayers and songs, as well as being attentive to the liturgy.
- EMHCs should come immediately to the sanctuary at the Sign of Peace, not waiting for the "Lamb of God". Stand close to the altar in a semi-circle- and not in the back, EMHC's close to AMBO (Precious Blood first), THEN servers.
- When handling any of the sacred vessels (plates or cups) please be reverent. Holy things for holy people!
- Since the assembled faithful have a right to receive Holy Communion consecrated at that Mass, we only go to the Tabernacle if/when we have run out of Hosts and no other EMHC has enough to share.

- ALL EMHC's will receive the sacred species from the presider (or deacon if present) and not communicate themselves... (we "receive" Holy Communion, as opposed to "take" Holy Communion.)
- When distributing the sacred Species, do so slowly and with reverence. Raise the Cup or Host, and say (only) "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ". Follow your hand to the communicant's hand and Hosts will rarely be dropped.
- With the Precious Blood, please carefully wipe the lip of the cup both inside and out (occasionally adjusting the purificator) and turn the cup as you offer it to the next communicant.
- ***In the event a HOST is dropped***, pick it up immediately and take it to the altar and lay it on the Corporal in the center of the Altar.
- ***In the event that Precious Blood is spilled***, immediately take your purificator and cover/blot the spot- leaving it in place. Go to the altar and take the Presider's purificator and continue. After Mass, get a damp cloth and blot out the spot, and rinse the cloth and purificator in the sacrarium (special sink).