



10 July 2023

Dear Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,

As was announced in the pastor's column on June 18, Mater Dei Parish will begin offering Holy Communion including the Precious Blood on the first weekend of every month, beginning on August 5-6.

The Precious Blood will be offered by two additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). If you would like to be available to offer the Precious Blood, please notify the parish office so we may know of your availability to be scheduled on the first Sundays of the month.

As it has been over three years since the Precious Blood has been offered, please review the instructions you received at training and review the process outlined below.

1. All EMHCs are to approach the Altar together AFTER the presider and the deacon have received Holy Communion and stand on the tape markers that are in the shape of a cross (\dagger).
2. The presider and/or deacon will offer the Body of Christ and then the Precious Blood to all EMHCs who wish to receive.
3. The EMHC designated as the Cup Ministers will then receive a Communion Chalice from the presider or deacon.
4. All ministers will proceed to their designated locations marked by tape with the ministers of the Precious Blood standing at the center point marked by tape in the shape of a triangle (Δ) between the two communion lines where ministers of the Body of Christ are positioned so anyone wishing to receive are able to walk over to the EMHC with the Precious Blood.
5. Each minister of the Precious Blood presents the Communion Chalice to the communicant, saying "The Blood of Christ." Then carefully hands the Communion Chalice to the communicant who has responded "Amen". When the Communion Chalice is received back, carefully wipe the place on the rim that was used with the purificator. For the next

communicant, rotate the Communion Chalice before handing the Communion Chalice to the next communicant.

6. When each minister of the Precious Blood is finished, either when the Communion Chalice has run empty or Holy Communion is completed, each minister returns to the closet side of the Altar. If there is any leftover Precious Blood, **while facing** the Altar, consume the left-over Precious Blood. If you are unable to consume any leftover Precious Blood, please inform the presider or deacon, who will then consume the remaining Precious Blood. Carefully place the Communion Chalice on the Altar with the purificator on top of the Communion Chalice.

Additional training will be offered on Sunday August 6 after the 9:00 AM Mass at Nativity Church.

If there are any questions, please notify the parish office.

Thank you for taking part in this important ministry to the parish.

Sincerely,



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Mater Dei Parish