

DAILY MASS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER DUTIES – UPDATED 2-1-2023

Typically, each weekday daily Mass requires one priest and 2 to 3 EMs (two ciboria and two chalices). The priest will determine “during” the Mass how many Eucharistic vessels will be needed. Therefore, EMs will need to be flexible and work with the priest as called upon during the Mass.

ATTIRE GUIDELINES

We ask that you serve on the Altar in presentable clothing and shoes that are worthy to be associated with serving the Eucharistic Hosts. Shorts, cut-offs, tee shirts, flip flops and any garment that exposes any part of the body above the knees to the shoulder area is discouraged.

BEFORE MASS

- There is no pre-advance sign up to serve as an EM at the weekday daily mass. Instead, you should ask the priest beforehand if you can volunteer and serve as an EM.
- Typically, most EMs don't even check in with the priest before the Mass, but move to the side of the Altar to serve as an EM when the Our Father prayer begins.

WHEN TO PROCEED TO THE ALTAR AND WHERE TO GATHER

- All EMs should proceed side of the Ambo side of Altar (the U.S. flag side) as soon as the Our Father has begun. Do NOT walk with hands extended in the Orans position.
- Similar to the weekend Mass, after the priest consumes the Precious Blood, move to the Sanctuary, and stand in a diagonal line from the Ambo to the side of the Tabernacle enclosure.
- In some cases, there will be more EMs than are required, and in addition, the priest could make a decision to limit the number of Eucharistic vessels required. So please be flexible.

DISTRIBUTING THE EUCHARISTIC HOSTS AND PRECIOUS BLOOD

- Typically there will be 2 ciboria and 2 chalices served during the Mass. The priest will distribute one ciborium, and depending upon any other priests/deacons assisting will get the other ciborium.
- The priest may also make a decision to only use one ciborium during the Mass and therefore, only two (2) EMs are required for the chalice.
- Since there are no pre-assigned positions, the priest will determine and hand each Eucharistic vessel to you while standing on the Altar.
- Typically, there will be two ciboria lines to distribute the Eucharistic Host. If you receive the ciborium, then you will need to go to the station that is opposite the priest, standing behind the kneeler so that those who wish to receive on the tongue may kneel to do so.
- The chalice servers need to be stationed at the sides, beside the flags, in such a way to allow those who don't receive the Precious Blood to pass.
- Ciboria servers should return the Ciboria to the priest. Chalice servers may choose to consume the Precious Blood at their station, although it is not required. They will then return the Chalice to the credence table and place the purificator on top of the chalice making sure not to dip it into the chalice.
- Please DO NOT walk behind the Altar table or between the Altar table and the tabernacle. You are to cross in front of the Altar on your way to your station and also on your way to return your ciboria or chalice after serving.