

October 2022

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
REMINDER OF PROPER PROCEDURES

- For those assisting at weekend Masses, please be faithful to your assigned dates and times.
- Please remember to dress appropriately – if extra ministers are needed at Mass and you are not dressed appropriately, please refrain from assisting.
- At this time, you will not be receiving the Precious Blood until further instructions from the Diocese.

- ***Current Procedure***
 - As in the past, approach the altar at the ‘Lamb of God’.
 - After you receive Holy Communion, purify your hands. (dispenser is in the sanctuary) before distributing Holy Communion.
 - Only 6 Extraordinary Ministers will be assigned per Mass. Please note that if a deacon is present, we only need 5 Ministers.
 - The stations are: 3 Ministers at the break – one in the center, one on the Blessed Mother’s side and one on the St. Joseph side. Same set-up at the front with the priest, unless a deacon is present, then the Ministers will go to the Blessed Mother’s side and St. Joseph side – the deacon remains in the center with the priest.
 - If there are priests concelebrating or additional deacons assisting, they are the Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, meaning less Extraordinary Ministers will be needed for that liturgy.

- Please note: **No communicant in the Diocese of Rockville Centre may be denied the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue.** This is an individual’s right as stated in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and reinforced by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in its instruction, *Redemptionis Sacramentum*

- If the minister of Communion senses that her/his fingers have made contact with a person’s mouth, he or she should pause and use hand sanitizer before returning to the distribution of Holy Communion. Hand sanitizer bottles have been placed on the altar rails as well as the pews at the church break.