

St Anthony's Church

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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PREPARATION BEFORE MASS

Report to the sacristy at least fifteen (15) minutes before Mass.

See to it that the following are all in the credence table in the sanctuary:

1. the paten with a big host
2. the priests' chalice with a purificator, corporal and pall
3. a second chalice with a purificator
4. small ciboria
5. the cruet with water
6. two finger bowls with lavabos
7. the Sacramentary (red book)

On the Alter

8. the holder for the book of gospels

On the gifts table at the back

9. the ciboria filled with hosts (200 5pm Saturday, 150 9am Sunday, 250 10:30 am Sunday) and the large cruet with wine (2/3 full).

Note: one sleeve of hosts equals 100. The ciborium in the tabernacle holds 200).

The sound system is turned on and

10. the lectionary is open to the designated reading

The *Prayer before Serving* is recited by all the ministers seven (7) minutes before the Mass.

Decide who will serve the choir and the handicapped, and who will serve Precious Blood at either side of the sanctuary (under Mary, and near the piano), and who will set the altar.

The order of the Entrance Procession is as follows:

Cross-bearer, Candles, other servers, Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Deacon, Priests. (If less than two candles bearers, the candles are placed beside the Ambo prior to the procession. If there is one cross-bearer, a Eucharist Minister carries the cross.)

On reaching the sanctuary steps, make a profound bow (from the waist) to the Altar.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Reverence to the Blessed Sacrament is done by genuflection as you enter and leave the church or as you open and close the Tabernacle or as you cross the Tabernacle area.

After the profound bow, proceed to your respective seats.

Immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful, two ministers proceed to the front of the altar, bow, go to the credence table and carry the chalices and Sacramentary to be placed on the altar as follows:

1. spread the corporal at the center of the altar towards you
2. place the paten on the corporal
3. place the priest's chalice and purifier on the right side, just outside the corporal
4. place the second chalice in back of the priest's chalice with the purifiers beside
5. place the Sacramentary on the bookstand on the upper left of the corporal
6. Remove the book of Gospels holder
Only if there are no altar servers,
7. light the altar candles
8. bring up the water and bring back the wine and water to the credence table.
9. prepare and carry out the washing of hands by the Celebrant (finger bowl and lavabo).

If there are no altar servers, one of the Eucharistic ministers rings the bells (once) after the Holy, holy, holy, and during the consecration (three times) twice: first during the elevation of the host and second (last) during the elevation of the chalice.

During the Sign of Peace, with the other ministers move to the front of the altar, bow and go to the credence table, wash your hands and go to the right side of the altar. **If there are no altar servers**, place the empty small ciboria on the Altar to the right of the chalices. The Celebrant distributes the Eucharist to all the ministers.

When presenting the Eucharist to each communicant, proclaim...THE BODY OF CHRIST or THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. Wait for his or her answer AMEN and then place the consecrated host on the palm of his or her left hand or hand him or her the Cup. Some communicants prefer to receive the consecrated host by the tongue.

For children or adults, who indicate they are not receiving communion by crossing arms on the chest, you may quietly offer a prayer such as "*May God bless you*" or "*May the Lord bless you and keep you..*" or *some other prayer*. This prayer is an invocation for a blessing, not a blessing. Blessing is a function of the ordained clergy. The priest or deacon also offers a prayer and does not give a blessing at this point of the celebration.

After distributing Holy Communion, proceed to the Altar where you consume any remaining Precious Blood in your chalice. The chalices and the ciboria are placed on the Altar for purification by the Priest or Deacon. You may end up placing the ciborium with the Sacred Species into the Tabernacle. After the Celebrant purifies the sacred vessels, bring them to the credence table. Bring the Sacramentary and/or bookstand to the credence table. Then, return to your seat.

After the Dismissal, proceed to the sanctuary aisle and after making a Profound Bow to the Cross above the altar together with the other ministers, join the Recessional in the same order and in the reverse direction as during the Entrance Procession

After the Recessional, see to it that sacred vessels and the Sacramentary are retrieved back from the credence table to the Sacristy. If there is no Mass to follow and if necessary, wash the sacred vessels and return them to the cupboard. If there are no altar servers, extinguish the candles and place the processional Cross in its place.

MINISTRY

Rising from the waters of Baptism, we are...each one of us...are named as witnesses to the whole of Christ's Paschal Mystery: his suffering, dying and rising.

All of us are called to give thanks and praise to God for all he has done to us. All of us are called to live our thanksgiving by doing the work of justice and mercy in our own respective way. Whatever our individual vocation, it is our Baptism that identifies us as one who shares in the Lord's ministry.

BAPTISMAL SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality can be defined as the skillful effort to become present to the Sacred. The Lord Jesus has revealed to us the height and breadth of the Sacred and we are not invited to experience the whole of this reality:

- + the mystery of Christ's dying and rising
- + the Spirit moving us to prayer
- + the enduring presence of Christ in the Body
- + the gift of self, on behalf of the poor, that we share with the Lord

THE BAPTISMAL MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

Yours is a share in the work of the Spirit, who makes us one bread, one body. Yours is a service at the Lord's reconciling table. You minister holy food to holy people in the holiest of all Communions. Yours is the ministry of the One who is broken and poured out for our sakes.

Come to your ministry from your personal prayer, praying that the Lord will heal your brokenness as you break and pour out yourselves to others. Learn to love the Eucharist you minister. Let it heal the hurt your heart is slow to acknowledge. Reverence those whom you serve as you would reverence the Sacrament you minister. When you minister to family and friends, remember that the greatest bond you share is in the Lord. When you minister to strangers, reverence them as you would your closest friend. When you minister to those with whom you are at odds, reverence them as the Lord does with you in your sinfulness. Remember that your holiness is the work of the Lord within you.

Take delight in the communion you share and rejoice in the work the Lord accomplishes in you, for through you the Lord saves His people.