

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP: ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024



BEFORE MASS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

- The EM places the pyx with unconsecrated hosts on the shelf behind the altar, to the right of the Tabernacle. **NOT ON THE ALTAR.** The EM leaves the pyx open. The priest or deacon will move the pyx to the altar as part of the preparation of Communion.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

CANTOR

- The Introduction to the Liturgy is read by the cantor. There will be a printed sheet in the cantor book each week. The introduction will now include the mass intention. As always, please read only what is printed.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CANTOR & LECTOR

- Please adjust the microphone before you begin.
- Please speak slowly and clearly.
- Remember to pause when reading.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LECTOR

- The Lector reads the Universal Prayer if a deacon is not present.
- As always, please only read the Universal Prayer that is printed.

GLUTEN FREE HOST AND COMMUNION HYMN ANNOUNCEMENT

- The CANTOR will now read the gluten free host announcement followed by the communion hymn number from the Music Issue.
- Begin the announcement after the bells are rung or after the priest receives the Precious Blood.

BEFORE DISTRIBUTION OF HOST TO THOSE PRESENT

- The EM's, Lectors, and Musicians should stand in front of the altar, in the middle of the rug with space for priest to stand on same level. The first EM should stand on the far-right edge of the carpet as you face the altar to allow room for the other ministers and musicians in front of the altar

BEFORE DISTRIBUTION OF HOSTS TO THOSE PRESENT (2)

- Distribution of the Precious Blood: If there is no Deacon: **The priest will offer the Precious Blood to the first EM.** That EM should then take the chalice and offer the Precious Blood to the remaining ministers and then go to **Station 1** for distribution to the congregation.

BEFORE DISTRIBUTION OF HOSTS TO THOSE PRESENT (3)

- The cantor and musician should decline to receive the Precious Blood and return to begin the Communion hymn.

BEFORE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOSTS TO THOSE PRESENT (4)

- In general, the priest or deacon should hand you the ciborium or chalice. IF NOT, you should only take the ciborium from the back of the altar – never from the front or the side.
- Always approach the altar from the right and pass behind the altar in a counter-clockwise motion.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER STATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION

- Station 1: Precious Blood – Return aisle between the chapel and the center aisle
- Station 2: Aisle near the piano
- Station 3: Aisle near the chapel
- Station 4: Center Aisle (EM or Deacon)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER STATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION

- The priest is always next to Station 4 – the center aisle - and will typically direct each EM to a station.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER STATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION

- The EM or Deacon, and the Priest at Station 4 (center aisle) should stand halfway between the first pew and the first step to the altar to allow room for people to pass behind.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

- Low gluten hosts will now be distributed AFTER everyone else has received. The EM stationed near the piano (Station 2), will return the ciborium to the altar, sanitize their hands at the credence table and retrieve the low gluten hosts at that time, then go back to the station near the piano to distribute.

PRECIOUS BLOOD

- If you are distributing the Precious Blood and are getting near the end of the line with a lot left in the chalice, you may ask the person “Can you consume more than usual?” prior to saying “Blood of Christ.”

AFTER COMMUNION

- After they are done distributing Communion, EM's should approach the altar from the right.
- If there is a small amount of Precious Blood remaining, the EM should consume at that time. If there is too much, they should go behind the reredos (where the sink is) with another EM and consume it there, then return to the altar with the empty chalice
- EMs should hand the ciborium or chalice to the priest or deacon or place it on the corporal on the altar.

AFTER COMMUNION

- EM should continue in a counter-clockwise motion and go around the altar and the pulpit to return to their seat. **Do not wait for the tabernacle to be closed or for empty ciboriums.**
- **The Priest or Deacon will hand the empty ciborium and/or chalice to an altar server to return to the Credence Table.**
- Ciboria with consecrated Hosts put by priest or deacon into tabernacle – all bow. Typically, only “ordained hands” go into the Tabernacle.

NEW SEQUENCE FOR THE END OF MASS

- Period of Silence after Communion
- All Stand
- Prayer after Communion
- Announcements
- EM's approach the altar, stand in the center of the carpet in front of the altar and are handed the Pyx by the priest or deacon
- Blessing and Dismissal

QUESTIONS

- Please contact John Keglovits or George Moroney at the parish office with questions.
- The handbook for eucharist ministers and lectors is updated on the parish website.
- A copy of this power point presentation will be available on the parish website.