

## **GUIDELINES FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

REMINDER: If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO FIND a substitute, and/or call Marivic Matias (510) 636-0879 as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Before the Mass:

- 1) Arrive ten minutes before the liturgy if you plan to serve that mass.
- 2) Proceed to the sacristy, receive a Eucharistic Minister's cross from the coordinators confirming your communion station, if needed.
- 3) Sit anywhere in the church until the exchange of peace.

After the Sign of Peace:

- 1) After briefly exchanging the Sign of Peace, enter the sanctuary by the side ramps (to the left for cup, to the right for the bread) forming a single line behind the holy table, facing the congregation.
- 2) As soon as you receive the Eucharist, either wait for the presider/coordinator to hand in the bread or cup or just get it from the altar (for bread) or credence chest (for wine).
- 3) Proceed directly to your communion station.
- 4) When you have completed distributing the Eucharist, look around to help other stations if there is more communicants, as necessary.

After Completing Distribution of Bread/Wine:

- 1) Return to the sanctuary, leaving the vessels at the credence chests to be put away by the coordinators.
- 2) RETURN THE EUCHARISTIC CROSS AT THE CREDENCE CHEST when you return the plate or the cup.
- 3) If you distributed wine, consume ALL precious blood from your chalice. If it's too much for you, share it with other ministers/coordinators.
- 4) Return to your place in the congregation. Remain standing if there are still other people receiving communion.

THE ST. LEANDER PARISH COMMUNITY APPRECIATES YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY

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