

How will we return to the Eucharist and keep others safe?

This may sound complicated we need to be patient with one another as we begin coming back to the Eucharist that we have missed so much. The minister of communion will help guide our movements during communion.

- Seating is set up so that we are able to continue safe distancing. Ushers will help people who have signed up for Mass find appropriate seating for themselves or their households (those living in the same house together)
- Masks will be worn at all times during Mass
- The Altar will be set by the priest presiding at that Mass  there will be no gathering in the working sacristy -- no Altar Servers will be serving for Mass
- There will be no procession at the beginning of Mass and no procession at the end of Mass.
- Distribution of the Eucharist will be in only one species (the host). We will not be distributing the precious blood.
- The priest will have the presiders host on a separate plate (paten) from the community hosts during the Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer of Consecration)
- The two ciboria for the distribution of the host will be covered with a Pall (a square of linen stiffened with cardboard) and only uncovered during the words of consecration and when the ciboria is taken to the place for distribution by the priest, the deacon or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- The ministers distributing the hosts will stand on either side of the sanctuary at the base of the sanctuary directly opposite the large pillars.
- The ministers will place the ciborium on the table and sanitize their hands with the hand sanitizer sitting on the table.

COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

- The minister on the choir side will motion the people in the two chairs closest to the piano to begin coming forward; the two behind them will keep safe distancing coming forward from the piano side of their seats, then the two behind them. Returning to their seats from the aisle between the chairs.
- The next set of two chairs will then stand to come forward in the same manner, return to their seats from the pew side of their chairs
- As the last set of chairs by the choir area is seated the two chairs next to the wall come forward for communion; followed at a safe distance by the two chairs immediately behind them, etc. this line of communicants will then proceed to the center aisle of church to return to their seats from the back of church. Stopping at the back if the last two sets of chairs has not moved forward.
- When everyone in the chairs has received communion, the people in the pews will begin coming forward from the side aisle -- not the center aisle -- again keeping their safe distancing. They will return to their pew by the center aisle.
- PLEASE NOTE: The Priest will be on the Chapel side of the church. There are four chairs in this area -- each set of four will come forward and return in the same manner as describe for the Choir side of the church.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

- The minister and the communicant will keep their masks in place.
- No words are spoken by either the minister or the communicant.
- The minister will hold up the host
- The communicant will acknowledge the belief that this is the Body of Christ by a bow of the head and hold their hands out to receive the host (during this time hosts will only be distributed in the hands)
- The minister will place the host in the communicants hand without touching the communicant. (please remember that we never receive the Body of Christ in a gloved hand) Sooo❖ what happens if their hands touch❖ the communicant continues on with the next step and the minister places the ciborium on the table and again sanitizes their hands.
- The communicant, as they turn away from the minister, either lowers or raises their mask to place the host in their mouth and returns to their seat.
- The minister will take the remaining hosts to the Altar to be placed in the Tabernacle.