



COMMUNION VISITS TO THOSE WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED (COVID19 PANDEMIC)

For the sick, the reception of the Eucharist is a sign of support and concern shown by the Catholic parish community. However, during this time of caution about the spread of COVID19, extra safety precautions must be followed in a hospital setting. Each hospital should conduct an orientation session prior to re-entry of volunteers to ensure protocols are followed. The following are some guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

- ❖ Personally renew yourself spiritually and sacramentally to include Reconciliation and attending Mass in person.
 - ❖ Be fully vaccinated and wait two weeks after the last dose before volunteering to serve.
 - ❖ Anyone with an underlying health condition, or a compromised immune system should not do Communion visits without prior consultation from their doctor.
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- Place one consecrated host in one pyx only.
 - Wear a mask.
 - Wash or sanitize your hands with soap and warm water or hand sanitizer before you enter the room.
 - Maintain social distance in the room so as to offer comfort without making physical contact.
 - Preliminary prayers and readings should be done at a distance.
 - Holy Communion is to be distributed in the hand. Do not touch the hand of the person when distributing Communion and step back to the socially distant space immediately.
 - Sanitize your hands with soap and warm water after the visit.
 - Consecutive visits from room to room should be limited. Limit the time in the patient rooms to prayer and receiving Holy Communion.
 - After administering the sacrament, use bleach wipes or soap and water for the sanitizing of all supplies.
 - Do not place any of your personal items down in a patient room and limit touching your cell phone.
 - All clothing should be laundered upon return to your home.



COMMUNION VISITS TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND (COVID19 PANDEMIC)

For the sick and homebound, the reception of the Eucharist is a sign of support and concern shown by the Catholic parish community. However, during this time of caution about the spread of COVID19, extra safety precautions must be followed. The following are guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

- ❖ Personally renew yourself spiritually and sacramentally to include Reconciliation and attending Mass in person.
- ❖ Be fully vaccinated and wait two weeks after the last dose before volunteering to serve.
- ❖ Anyone with an underlying condition, or a compromised immune system should not make Communion visits without prior consultation with their doctor.

- Place one consecrated host in one pyx only.
- Wear a mask.
- Wash or sanitize your hands with soap and warm water or hand sanitizer before you enter the home and then the room.
- Maintain social distance with everyone in the room so as to offer comfort without making physical contact.
- Preliminary prayers and readings should be done at a distance.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed in the hand and only to the homebound person. Do not touch the hand of the person when distributing Communion and step back to the socially distant space immediately.
- Sanitize your hands with soap and warm water after the visit.
- After your visit, use bleach wipes or soap and water for sanitizing all supplies.
- Consecutive visits from home to home should be limited. Limit the time in the home to prayer and receiving Holy Communion.
- Do not place any of your personal items down inside a home and limit touching your cell phone.
- All clothing should be laundered upon return to your home.