

**Communion Procession
September 2005**

SPECIFIC DUTIES

Ministers come into the sanctuary following the peace greeting and stand behind the altar **close to the foot of the altar step. Ministers do not exchange peace greeting at this time.**

Ministers receive the Body and Blood of Christ after the clergy has received. The presider will distribute the vessels and purificators to the Eucharistic Ministers. The plates and cups are distributed to the ministers as follows:

10:30, Sun., 5:15 Sun., and other full church masses

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(plate and cup for the choir when needed)

Two plates four cups serve the center aisle. A cup and plate serve each side aisle. When there is seating in the sanctuary such as at Easter and Christmas, additional ministers, plates and cups are used. The Master of Ceremonies or Presider or Deacon will make these assignments.

5:15 Sat., 8:00 Sun

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Additional vessels added as needed

Sun. 12:30

C C P P C C

Additional vessels added as needed

The communion procession begins as soon as all the vessels have been distributed. The ministers on either end lead out from behind the altar, proceed around the altar, meet in the front-center of the altar and then proceed in a double file at the center of the sanctuary carpet to the steps of the sanctuary and then to their assigned places. **If the vessel you are given is out of sequence, maintain your position in the procession and proceed to your station after you have gone down the steps at the center of the sanctuary.**

When there are concelebrants at mass, eucharistic ministers previously scheduled may be asked stand down from the assignment.

When communion stations in the side aisles are used, the minister distributing from the plate stands close to the wall. The cup minister stands away from the wall, allowing space for 3-4 of the faithful to come in line to receive from the cup. When communion stations in the side aisles are not used, there is one less plate and one less cup at either end of the gathering of ministers at the foot of the altar.