

Dear EMHCs of Epiphany,

Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish. Here is an outline of the new/adapted protocols for Mass.

1. Continue to sign in as normal in the sacristy.
2. You may sit with your family. Bear in mind that it may be more practical to sit closer to the sanctuary and near an aisle so that you can exit and reenter the pew without coming near others. Also be aware that the Gospel/north transept where many of you normally sit when you serve is now reserved for family seating (households of 3 or more), so please do not sit there if you are attending by yourself or as a couple.
3. During the *Our Father*, wearing your mask, approach the credence table and sanitize your hands using the bottle of hand sanitizer that is on the table.
4. Stand at the base of the sanctuary, where you will see floor markings for the spots where you should stand (see numbers labeled on the attached map). The celebrant or the deacon will bring you Holy Communion and, subsequently, the ciboria containing consecrated hosts. You should not step up into the sanctuary unless instructed to do so.
5. Once everyone has received his/her ciboria, proceed to your assigned station, which will be marked by a floor marking (see numbers on the attached map).
6. The people will be instructed that the preferred/recommended mode of reception for Holy Communion is *in the hand*. However, those who nonetheless wish to receive *on the tongue* will be asked to come forward as normal in the communion procession but, upon reaching the front of the line, to proceed to the back chapel where there will be an EMHC wearing gloves who will distribute *on the tongue*. If a communicant approaches you (and you are not the designated “*on the tongue* minister”), kindly and simply direct the person to where he or she should go.
7. When you have finished distributing Holy Communion, return to the place at the foot of the sanctuary where you received Holy Communion and the ciboria. The priest or deacon will take the ciboria from you and return them to the Tabernacle. Please re-sanitize your hands before returning to your seat.

The above protocols apply to Sunday Mass and Daily Mass, with the exception of communion on the tongue. At Daily Mass, those who wish to receive on the tongue are asked to wait on the Gospel side until everyone else has received Holy Communion, at which point the priest or deacon will distribute to them.

Please arrive early for Mass and familiarize yourself with the locations of the floor markings so that things may go smoothly during the Mass.

Once again, thank you for service!

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