

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR WEDDINGS

Usually only the host is offered to the congregation for weddings.
Hence the priest and 1 Eucharist Minister is needed.

If you choose to offer the cup, then you will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers
(4 total including the presider).

2 of these will be ministers of the cup,
1 will be bread minister (along with priest/deacon)

Eucharistic Ministers do not have to attend the wedding rehearsal.
They just need to “touch base” with the Wedding Host/Hostess prior to the service
to receive an assigned location for distribution.

Instructions for Eucharistic Ministers:

Before Mass, please locate the Wedding Host/Hostess who will instruct you on our procedures.

During Mass, at the Sign of Peace, Eucharistic ministers are to come up to the altar area and stand behind the altar.

After the Fraction Rite (i.e. “Lord I am not worth to receive you.....”), the priest will distribute Eucharist to you, first the bread (Body of Christ) then the wine (Blood of Christ).

[At a wedding: after receiving, one cup minister is to follow the presider to offer the cup to the bride and groom, then move to his/her assigned location. Once the bride/groom have received all Eucharist Ministers should take their vessels from the altar and move to their location.]

Bread Ministers:

Hold the ciborium (bowl) in one hand and offer communion by lifting one host and saying “the Body of Christ.” Place the communion in the person’s hand (or on the tongue).

Cup Ministers:

Extend the cup to the person and say, “the Blood of Christ.” The person should take the cup and drink from it. Receive the cup back and wipe the area from which they drank. Rotate the cup a complete quarter turn before offering it to the next person. [Occasionally, a person may wish to dip his/her host into the cup. Simply tilt the cup toward them to aid this process...

Note: this is not the recommended way of receiving the Blood of Christ.]

After all have received, move back to the altar area. The bread minister should give the ciborium (bowl) to the priest and return back to the pew. Cup ministers should move to the side table (to the right of the altar) and place cups/purificators there. Then return to the pews.

After the service, please find the Wedding Host/Hostess and help “do the dishes” in the back of the Church (near the restroom area).