

ST. PAUL MINISTRIES

HOSPITALITY



PRAYER



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MINISTRY



Maintenance...to...Mission

----- **GREETERS** -----

MINISTRY COMMITMENT

Thank you for accepting the invitation from your Church family to become a Minister "Around the Table." Serving in this special way has a profound impact on the way our St. Paul Mission Statement, "To Live As The Body Of Christ," comes to life.

The purpose of the Eucharistic Liturgy, as well as all Sacraments, is to make us holy, to build up the Body of Christ and to worship God. The Liturgy "nourishes, strengthens and expresses faith." (CCC 1123)

By saying, "Yes" to this calling, I agree to the following:

- ✓ I commit to serve in this one Liturgical Ministry for a two-year period.
- ✓ I understand the importance of my ministry in the overall mission of our Parish "To Live As The Body Of Christ."
- ✓ I will approach the Celebration of the Eucharist with a spirit of the Joy of Christ.
- ✓ I will prepare myself during the week being reflective of the upcoming Readings so that I will be prepared spiritually, physically and emotionally.
- ✓ I will arrive on time and dress appropriately when I am scheduled to serve.
- ✓ I will find a replacement in the event I cannot serve at my scheduled time.
- ✓ When I am not scheduled to serve, I will be a better participant in the pew by being attentive, listening, and responding enthusiastically.

By signing below, I agree to all of the above statements:

Ministry: _____

Mass preference: (circle one) 5:30 8:00 10:30

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PURPOSE

This Ministry Manual is being provided to all Ministers "Around the Table" to create a better understanding and zeal for authentic worship at St. Paul Parish. This information is not only instruction of *how* to carry out the ministry, but to better understand *why* we worship the way we do.

We want to rejuvenate the deep, spiritual meaning of being a participant in Mass. As St. Augustine said, "Behold what you are. Become who you receive." Every time we celebrate the Sacred Banquet together, we are fulfilling Jesus' command to "Do this in memory of Me." We believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Liturgy in the Presider; in the Holy Eucharist as His real presence of Body and Blood; in the Word proclaimed from the Sacred Scriptures; and in the Community gathered in His Name.

We want to rediscover the importance of celebrating with joy, reverence, and essence of the Paschal Mystery. From the time of the apostles, Christians have continually come together to celebrate, to listen to Scripture, and to offer Thanksgiving. The Liturgy is a communal encounter of Christ that brings us all together as a St. Paul Family.

Our main goal is to foster full, active and conscious participation in the Liturgical Celebration in order to encounter the Living God in the Word and Eucharist, then return to the world fulfilling our baptismal call to discipleship. As trained, prayerful Liturgical Ministers, we will help plant that which God will grow.

We do not need to reinvent anything. We do not need to decide what Liturgy will be. The Church has already planned the Liturgy. It is not a show or performance that people come to observe. The Liturgy is a Sacred Celebration of the Paschal Mystery through which the Mystery of Christ among us comes alive in all the people present.

Therefore, we want to make our preparation and attainment of the experience of Liturgy at St. Paul a priority, not a last-minute execution of duties and tasks. CCC 1070 states, "...every Liturgical Celebration is an action of Christ the priest and of this Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others."

We want to recognize every person who joins our Celebration as equal, necessary members of the Body of Christ. We want each and every person to be received with Joy. We, as Ministers, will serve them with Joy. We want to always be aware that Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, is indeed presiding at each Mass, proclaiming His Word, sharing His Body and Blood, and sitting next to us extending His Hand in the sign of peace.

First, we ask you to personally pray regularly for the success, grace and insight to move in the Divine Flow of meeting Christ in a real, personal way as a Minister of our Parish. **Prayer will always be the heart of Ministry. Prayer serves to continually renew and strengthen us to serve our brothers and sisters.**

An awareness of the sacredness of your Ministry will naturally follow. We are privileged to have been called and invited to serve in this special way.

The great result will be a continual renewal of our love for the Eucharist and the Sacraments, and a fruitful weekly experience of Liturgy.

THE MINISTRY OF GREETER

This Ministry involves meeting and greeting people at the door before Weekend Masses. We do this joyfully, welcoming everyone in the Spirit of Christ before they enter the Sanctuary, and assisting with any special needs as requested.

Greeters are the first official contact with a member of St. Paul Parish. We want all who have taken the time and effort to join our Liturgical Celebration-- regular attendees, newcomers and visitors alike -- to feel equally welcome by extending a feeling of genuine Hospitality complete with a smile, handshake, holding the door open, etc.

History

This Ministry was developed in the Spirit of Hospitality we want to extend to everyone.

Why

Greeters are integral to engage all who enter before the start of Mass. When they see a friendly face in the Greeter welcoming them, they can release any tensions, worries etc. they may have faced to get to this point. Think of helping them dispel the stress of getting a young child dressed and ready, getting a reluctant teen out of bed, worry about finances, traffic issues, illness, loneliness, and more, if only for that moment. You are the face and hands of Christ extending His welcome to all.

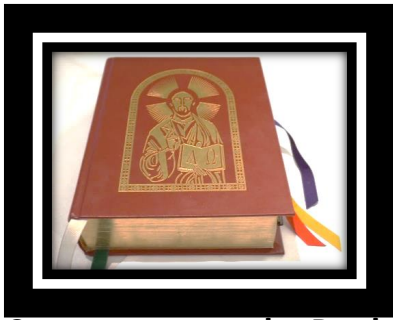
How

Before Mass

1. During the course of the week, read the Sunday Readings so you are familiar with the Word to be proclaimed and the theme of the Liturgy.
2. Dress appropriately since you are serving at the Table of the Lord. Please do not wear blue jeans, shorts, or casual footwear.
3. Dispose of any gum or candy.
4. Arrive 20 minutes before Mass time, put a checkmark by your name on the schedule, put on your name tag, and take a moment to pray to be the welcoming presence of Christ.
5. Take your place at an entrance to the Church building. Greet everyone who enters, whether they make eye contact and respond or not. It is good to visit with friends, but be careful not to miss others. Introduce yourself to anyone you don't already know. Try to engage them in light conversation if there is time.
6. Direct newcomers and visitors to the sanctuary, and encourage them to sign our book.
7. Remain at your post until the start of Mass, then take your seat in a pew. Be attentive and responsive during the Celebration.

During Mass

1. Retain the Spirit of Joy, Welcome and Reverence during Mass by being attentive and responsive.
2. Take note of any newcomers and visitors seated near you and personally address them at the Sign of Peace. Introduce them to your friends after Mass if possible.



**Sacramentary - the Book
the Priest uses during Mass**



**Cup - holds the
Blood of Christ**



**Purificators - used to
wipe the Cup when
serving the Blood of Christ**



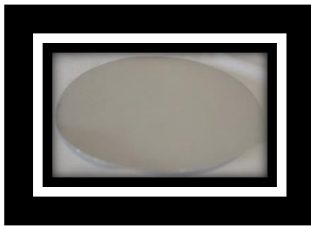
Chalice with paten and host



Wine Decanter



**Tabernacle and
Red Sacristy Light**



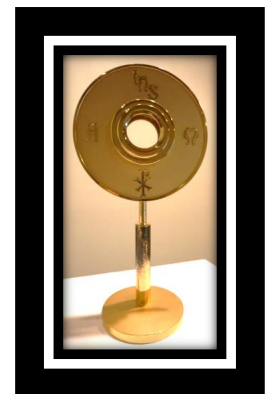
Paten - plate for the Host



Cruet for water



**Large Host - To be placed
on Father's paten**



**Monstrance - Holds the
Blessed Sacrament for
Exposition of the Eucharist**



**Ciborium - holds the
Body of Christ**



**Corporal - Placed on
the Altar**