

Preparation and Ministration of the Holy Eucharist During COVID-19

The Holy Eucharist will be specially prepared in order to abide by all governmental and Health Department guidelines for COVID-19. We will NOT participate in the common cup until further notice. Through a special preparation of the Host by intinction, each member is able to receive the Body (host) and the Blood (wine) of our Lord in a completely sanitary way.

Each week the Celebrant prepares and ministers the Eucharist using the following protocol:

- Pours hosts (circular pieces of bread) from their original container into a silver vessel.
- This vessel is then placed off to the right of the Chalice and paten (on which is the priest's bread) and then consecrated. The hosts are "out of range" of the celebrant's speaking.
- After they are consecrated, the celebrant puts on a mask, sanitizes his hands and places the hosts on a paper towel.
- He then takes the stopper in the bottle of consecrated wine, kept in the Tabernacle, and puts a drop of consecrated wine on each of the hosts so they are intincted.
- These are left to dry for 20 minutes or so and then, putting on the mask and sanitizing his hands, pours them off the paper towel into the ciborium.
- Placed back into the tabernacle (often for several days before using again).
- The Celebrant wears a mask and sanitizes his hands, then distributes the intincted host onto the hand of each congregant receiving communion on Sunday.