

MINISTRY NOTES – OCTOBER 2009

We had our Annual Ministry Mass & Brunch Saturday, Oct 17. It was well attended. Our new Extraordinary Ministers were commissioned at Mass, followed by a delicious brunch in the cafeteria. Fr. Binu (our new Associate Priest) shared a bit of his background with us and gave the wonderful insight – Serving our parish through our ministries is not a convenience, but a commitment. Deacon Dale Follen spoke about the new Hospitality Ministry at St. Joe's. All are invited to participate in this ministry – welcoming new parishioners and getting to know current members of St. Joe's. Details regarding this ministry will follow in the near future....

LECTORS:

- **The new Lector Workbooks are here! Please pick up your copy in the vestibule.**
- Reminder: Please be sure to secure a substitute if you are not able to keep an assignment.
- If you cannot find a sub or if you are ill and will not be at your assigned Mass, PLEASE, call the Lector you are scheduled with.
- The most current LECTOR ROSTER will be available on the web terminal, or it will be mailed if you do not have email.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

- Ministers of the Cup should open the purificator completely and use a new, clean place on the cloth for each communicant.
- We have started using hand sanitizer as we approach the sanctuary when we are Communion Ministers - We will have 1 bottle at each end of the sanctuary - one next to the baptismal font (on a small wooden pillar) and another bottle next to the ambo, behind the ambo candle (on the left).

When you approach the sanctuary, walk to the far side- (right, ministers of the Body of Christ and left, Ministers of the Cup) and take a small amount of hand sanitizer and rub your hands together as you wait to receive your vessel.

Please keep in mind - TRY to minimize making a commotion of the hand washing

The minister who pours the Precious Blood will use hand sanitizer *before* pouring and likewise the minister who removes the ciboria from the Tabernacle.

TRY to minimize the "criss-crossing" in front of the altar as we approach the sanctuary. Sometimes it is unavoidable, but if you KNOW you plan to be a Minister of the Cup, please sit on the LEFT side of Church! AND if we need additional ministers on one side or the other, perhaps ministers on that side of Church could fill in and approach from the side aisles. Thanks.

- All EMs – please look at the diagram (ON CREDENZA) for WHERE TO STAND NEAR THE BAPTISMAL FONT when you are Communion Ministers