

# Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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## Mission

As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, formerly known as Eucharistic Ministers, at Mass we have the privilege of assisting the Priest in giving the Body and Blood of Christ to our fellow parishioners. The training is minimal and the only "talent" needed is a deep and abiding reverence for the Body and Blood of Christ. The rewards are many, in that this ministry gives us a constant reminder of this great gift, through the sacrifice of Jesus, that has been given to us. As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound, we take Communion to those in our parish who are unable because of age, sickness, or infirmity to come to church in person. This allows us the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of the sick and homebound of our parish by: bringing the Lord to them in the form of Consecrated Bread; by making them know that they are still an important part of our parish community; and, by helping to ease their loneliness by our cheerful visits. Training for this ministry consists of a one hour session.