

What Are The Opportunities?

As stewards, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest with Eucharist during Liturgy (mass), the hospitalized and homebound.

A calling to serve and share the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ with our community.
Spiritual fulfillment of serving our Lord by feeding his sheep.



Diocese of Honolulu Mission Statement:

To give WITNESS TO JESUS!

St. Joseph Church Mission Statement:

St. Joseph Church Parish
is a faith community in
Makawao, Maui.

We are dedicated to the call of God, to
support the Diocese of Honolulu
in its mission, to celebrate the Eucharist,
and to commit and make Jesus present in
our lives.

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St. Joseph Church Ministry of



Eucharistic Ministers

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Extraordinary Ministers ...

- An “**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**” in the Catholic Church is, under the Code of Canon Law, “**an acolyte, or another of Christ's faithful deputed,**” in certain circumstances, to distribute Holy Communion.
- The term “**extraordinary**” distinguishes such a person from the ordinary (normal, regular) minister of Holy Communion, namely a bishop, priest or deacon.
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or Eucharistic Ministers, as they are sometimes called, are lay people appointed to distribute Holy Communion during the Mass, at the hospital or to the homebound. They are referred to as extraordinary because the ordinary ministers are the ordained clergy (i.e. Bishops, Priests, and Deacons). Extraordinary ministers are only used when not enough ministers are available.

Who Can Join?

- No age limit
- Fully initiate Catholics who have received the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.
- The person who has been appointed to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is necessarily to be duly instructed and should distinguish himself by his/her Christian life, faith, and morals.
- Let no one be chosen whose selection may cause scandal among the faithful.
- Practicing Catholic who regularly attends Mass.
- If married, validly married in the Catholic Church. If single, not cohabitating with a partner
- Approved by the Priest

Functions...

- The extraordinary minister’s function is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person, when an ordained minister (bishop, priest or deacon) is absent or impeded.
- In order to avoid confusion about this function, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is not to be called a “special minister of Holy Communion”, nor an “extraordinary minister of the Eucharist,” nor a “special minister of the Eucharist.”
- One responsibility is to bring Holy Communion to temporarily homebound parishioners and those in hospitals and nursing centers as well.
- The expectation is that you will bring Eucharist to the temporarily homebound person(s) on your way home after you have attended Sunday Mass and not let other activities distract you from your ministry, e.g., go shopping or tend to errands.

Extraordinary Ministers...Qualities

- A Catholic in good sacramental standing in the Church
- Mature in faith and of excellent character, who shows reverence and love for the Eucharist
- Is growing spiritually through daily prayer and liturgical prayer, especially the Sunday Eucharist, and who accepts the responsibility of ministry in serving the needs of others.
- Understands that the Mass is a communal prayer and that the distribution of communion is a liturgical function requiring a sense of dignity and an attitude of prayer

When Do Extraordinary Ministers Meet?

Extraordinary Ministers meet twice a year or by email/text.

