



We need you!!

St. Bernard's is in need of the following liturgical ministers at all the Masses and bereavement members:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the ordained clergy (bishops, priests, and deacons who are the ordinary ministers of Holy Communion) in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful during liturgies. Extraordinary Ministers are also needed to bring the Eucharist to nursing homes, shut-ins, and hospitals.

Lectors: Lectors proclaim the Word of God to the assembly and, in the absence of a deacon, also present the assembly's prayers and petitions to God during liturgies.

Ushers: Ushers, with a sense of liturgical prayer and a gift for hospitality, assist people in finding seats prior to worship, care for needs arising during the liturgy, and assist in collecting the people's offerings during the Preparation of the Gifts.

Bereavement: Bereavement members with a sense of prayer, and a gift for compassion, work with the parish staff and meet with grieving family members to plan the funeral liturgy for their loved one. The members also attend the funeral liturgy to assist the family and provide loving support.

Serving at the Liturgy is an act of self-giving, not self-seeking; an act of love that must be continued in the ordinary of our lives for the glory of God. Therefore, ***"The faithful should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever they are asked to perform some particular service or function in the liturgical celebration."*** ([GIRM 97](#))

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How do I know if I am qualified for a specific ministry?

(Must be a practicing Catholic in a valid marriage and whose life and morals are in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Must be at least 18 years of age. Both men and women are welcome. Requires the physical ability to maneuver liturgical vessels with reverence and dignity and the ability to observe a reverent and prayerful attitude especially while handling the *sacred species*.

LECTORS

Lectors require the ability to read publically the *Sacred Scripture* in various literary forms in a clear and articulate voice. Initial screening is done at training sessions. They are expected to spend time in preparation each time they proclaim the Word. They often will also pray the *General Intercessions* at Mass.

USHERS

Requires people-oriented individuals (both men & women) with the ability and willingness to anticipate and serve the needs of others, and to perform tasks during the liturgy with reverence. People in this ministry are expected to arrive at Mass at least **20 minutes** prior to the beginning of the Liturgy.

BEREAVEMENT

Requires people-oriented individuals (both men & women) with compassionate hearts, an ability to listen, and good organizational skills. People in this ministry are expected to be able to meet the families at the rectory during the daytime hours whenever a death occurs. Members are also expected to attend and assist at the funeral liturgy.

I would like to be considered for the following liturgical ministry: (please check)

(You will be scheduled an average of once a month)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

CIRCLE PREFERRED MASS TIMES: 4 7:30 9:00 10:30 12

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BEREAVEMENT MEMBER

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

The **Pastor** has the final approval of all liturgical ministers before they can begin service at the Mass.