

IMPORTANT UPDATE: For getting Communion for Homebound Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE: If, during communion, a communicant approaches you and requests that you put a consecrated host in a pyx they are carrying, (this is a container in which they transport the Eucharist), politely decline the request. Ask them to instead get the consecrated host from the tabernacle after Mass. If they are not familiar with how to do this, instruct them to see Fr. Mike directly after Mass. He will show them how to retrieve the Eucharist, to take to their loved one, or he will get it for them.

The reason for this is twofold. First, the Eucharist should never be kept in more than one place in the same building, once the Eucharist has been reposed in the tabernacle. Secondly, sometimes we don't know who the person is that is requesting to take the Eucharist with them, or what they are intending to do with it once they have it.

Following the above procedure gives Fr. Mike an opportunity to speak with that person and ensure that they are doing things properly (i.e. Going directly to the sick person and not stopping at the store or other places along the way). Please do this for all those in the above situation, even if you know that person personally. It is better for us to treat everyone the same when it comes to this policy, rather than applying the policy to some and not to others, which would just cause confusion.