



# A Word from Msgr. Gerry

**April 23, 2023**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## **Reinstituting distribution of Precious Blood at Mass need for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors**

On Sunday, June 11, Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ, we will reinstitute the practice of offering Holy Communion under both species, that is with consecrated host and from the common cup.

This necessitates expanding our list Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), and while we're at it Lectors too. If you are interested in serving the parish as an EMHC or Lector, please contact the parish office at [rcalhoun@stjoeparish.net](mailto:rcalhoun@stjoeparish.net) or at **859-441-1604**.

Lectors and EMHC are able to input their availability and preferences for serving. They are also responsible for fulfilling their scheduled time or finding a substitute (from provided list). We especially need ministers for the 7pm Mass on Sunday. We are always especially glad to have younger parishioners serve as Lectors and EMHC. Minimum age is 16 years old (or soon to be 16). You must be confirmed and actively practice the Catholic faith.

Fr. Matthias Wamala will provide the liturgical training for new Lectors and EMHC in the church on Monday, May 1, 7:00pm and (repeated) Wednesday, May 10, 7:00pm. New Lectors and EMHC must attend either one of these sessions and meet with the coordinator of Lectors, John McNabb, or coordinator of EMHC, Judy Leick, for training specific to St. Joseph Parish.

These ministries are invaluable to good worship at our parish. Lectors help proclaim and even interpret the Word of God by their ministry. EMHC mention how moved and humbled they are when they distribute the Body and Blood of Christ. Some EMHC also take Holy Communion to the sick and confined of the parish. This ministry is especially appreciated by our homebound parishioners. Please give some prayerful thought to serving St. Joseph Parish in one of these ministries.

*Your pastor and brother in Christ,  
Monsignor Gerald L. Reinersman*

## **Qualifications for those who wish to serve as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are:**

- 1) fully initiated Catholics (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
- 2) at least 16 years old (or soon to be 16)
- 3) regular participation in Sunday Mass
- 4) the Catholic faith forms your way of life
- 5) not be under a Canonical imposition (E.g. an invalid marriage)
- 6) commitment to serve at Masses you schedule for yourself, or find your replacement