

Hello Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister!

Thank you for bringing our Lord Jesus to others in our parish. This is such an awesome ministry! We are privileged to be able to do this.

The schedules are attached for the months of December 2025 through March 2026. Remember that The Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), Christmas, and the Feast of Mary (on Jan.1). Holy Days are filled by sign-ups either online or in the sacristy.

The next schedule will be out by March 21st. You can start sending me your unavailable dates about the beginning of February. I will need them by February 28th. Please let me know if there is any information missing or incorrect.

For those who are new, the schedule lists the Sunday dates for each weekend across the top. Find your name and follow the grid across the page to see what dates you are scheduled for. Vg is the Saturday 5pm vigil Mass, 7:30 is the Sunday morning 7:30 am Mass, etc with 5:00 being the Sunday evening Mass. AS means being scheduled as an Altar Server, EM means scheduled as an Extraordinary Eucharistic minister, and Lector means scheduled as a lector. An * by someone's name means they are new and may need extra help.

In this schedule, 10 people are scheduled as Eucharistic Ministers at the 9:30 Mass. 8 people are scheduled at the 11:15 Masses so 1 or 2 volunteers will be needed. If a Deacon is present, he will take one of the cup positions. Verify with the sacristan which spot to fill. The Sunday 5 pm Mass also relies on volunteers to fill all EM positions.

So you can see that more ministers are needed at those Masses. We do have new ministers, but we could still use more. Do you know of anyone who might like to be a Eucharistic Minister? I estimate we need about 30 more so that you are not scheduled so heavily.

The shortage of Eucharistic ministers means that most of us are scheduled often. That also means that it may be hard to find subs, so those of you who are unscheduled, please respond if you can sub when someone asks. I am sorry to have to schedule you so much. I hope you don't get burned out. Remember that the goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Remember that the priests and deacons are the Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers and we are helping them, not replacing them. So, if a deacon is present, he will take a cup and serve on the choir side. If there is a second priest, he can serve wherever he wants but it will usually be next to the presider in the center aisle.

Please remember to initial the sign in sheet when your name is listed. If you are subbing for someone, please cross their name out with 1 line and write your **full name** in the sign in column **legibly**. If you are present and a deacon or priest is taking your place, go ahead and sign in anyway but don't fill in a spot on the chart. You can put NN next to your name indicating you were not needed but were present.

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Please make sure you are at the Masses you are scheduled for or ask someone else to be. Please arrive at Mass 15 minutes before Mass starts. It is very hard for the sacristan to find a replacement with less than 15 minutes notice.

Remember that the Diocese requires that all of us, 18 or older, to stay current with our Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) training and background checks. Visit austindiocese.org/eim-instructions for more information. You can also ask in the St. Ignatius office if you need help.

It is so wonderful to be able to serve Jesus in this very special way! At each Mass, we are holding the Body Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in our hands and serving the Body of Christ in the people who are his hands, legs, eyes, and ears of Jesus in the world. That person in front of you at that moment in time is a saint and is Jesus personified to do his work in the world. God is so amazing!

May you find God's blessings in this ministry,
Ann

Noviembre 2025

¡Hola Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía!

Gracias por traer a nuestro Señor Jesús a otros en nuestra parroquia. ¡Este es un ministerio tan maravilloso! Tenemos el privilegio de poder hacer esto.

Se adjuntan los horarios para los meses de diciembre de 2025 a marzo de 2026. Recuerde que la Inmaculada Concepción (8 de diciembre), Navidad y la Fiesta de María (el 1 de enero) son días festivos que se completan mediante inscripción en línea o en la sacristía.

El próximo calendario estará disponible el 21 de marzo. Pueden empezar a enviarme las fechas en las que no estén disponibles a principios de febrero. Las necesitaré antes del 28 de febrero. Por favor, avísenme si falta alguna información o si hay algún error.

Recuerda que la meta es ser las manos y los pies de Jesús. Recuerde que los sacerdotes y diáconos son los Ministros Eucarísticos Ordinarios y nosotros estamos ayudando a los sacerdotes y diáconos, no reemplazándolos. Entonces, si un diácono está presente, el tomará una copa y servirá al lado del coro. Si hay un segundo sacerdote, puede servir donde quiera, pero normalmente estará al lado del que preside en el pasillo central. En esos casos, se puedan servir en la posición B5. ¡Muchas gracias por ser presente!

Recuerde poner sus iniciales en la hoja de registro cuando su nombre esté presente. Si está reemplazando a alguien, tache su nombre con 1 línea y escriba el suyo en la columna de inicio de sesión de manera legible. Si está presente y un diácono o un sacerdote está tomando su lugar, regístrese de todos modos, pero no llene ningún espacio en el cuadro.

Para aquellos que son nuevos, el calendario enumera las fechas de los domingos para cada fin de semana en la parte superior. Encuentre su nombre y siga la cuadrícula a lo largo de la página para ver las fechas para las que está programado. Vg es la misa de vigilia del sábado a las 5 de la tarde. Un * junto al nombre de alguien significa que es nuevo y puede necesitar ayuda adicional.

Recuerde que la Diócesis exige que todos nos mantengamos al día con nuestra capacitación sobre Ética e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM) y las verificaciones de antecedentes. Visite austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim para mas información. También se puede hablar con la oficina de St. Ignatius. No puedo programar una cita si su EIM está vencido.

¡Es tan maravilloso poder servir a Jesús de esta manera tan especial! En cada Misa, estamos sosteniendo el Cuerpo Sangre, Alma y Divinidad de Jesús en nuestras manos y sirviendo el Cuerpo de Cristo en las personas que son sus manos, piernas, ojos y oídos de Jesús en el mundo. Esa persona frente a ti en ese momento es un santo y es Jesús personificado para hacer su obra en el mundo. ¡Dios es tan asombroso!

Que Dios le bendiga en este servicio,
Ann