

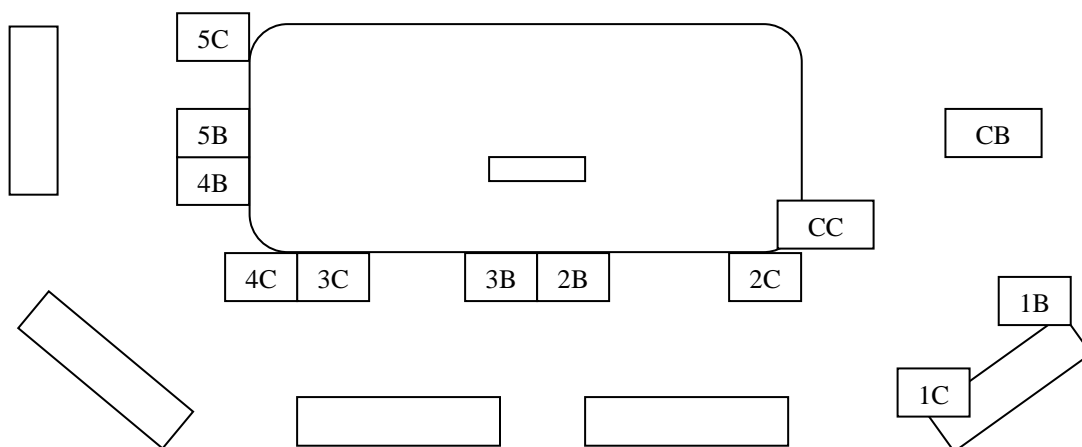
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Hello Eucharistic Ministers!!

Just a reminder, starting March 2009 (the next schedule), we will no longer be providing everyone with paper copies of the schedule. It will only be available on the website and through e-mail. This will save the rectory staff a significant amount of time copying all of the schedules and you will receive you information in a timely fashion. If you are unable to access the schedule via e-mail or website, please let Cele know and she will make sure that you receive a paper copy. Thank you to those of you who have already furnished email addresses. Cele's phone number is 847-223-5947 and e-mail address is lv_cecilia@hotmail.com.

Father Gene has asked again that all communion ministers greet parishioners when they come into church. After you pick up your cross, stay in the narthex to greet people and then you will be available to pray before mass as a group of ministers. Also, if you show up to church before the sacristan, do not take the cross from the box on your own. Wait in the narthex for the sacristan to show up in case they have any changes they need to tell you (i.e. there will be a deacon) and then you are also present in the narthex to help greet people.

If you are not feeling well, have a cough or are sneezing from allergies, please refrain from serving as a communion minister. Let the sacristan know when you come to mass that you need a substitute.



Above is a reminder of the stations and where Eucharistic Ministers are to stand during their scheduled mass. Please refer to this before you come to serve. 1C and 1B should be up against the first pew (or close to it if people are sitting there). CC should be against the altar and CB should be between the altar and the cantor stand. If you come over to that side to help distribute communion, make sure you are up against either the pew or the altar and not in the middle of the area. If you stand in the middle, it appears like we are forming a wall and it becomes harder for the community to move around and head back to their seats. Keep the space open to help with the flow of people as they walk back to their seats.

By the time you receive this we will have had our Evening of Reflection for all Eucharistic Ministers. I hope you enjoyed our time together in prayer.

Sincerely,

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