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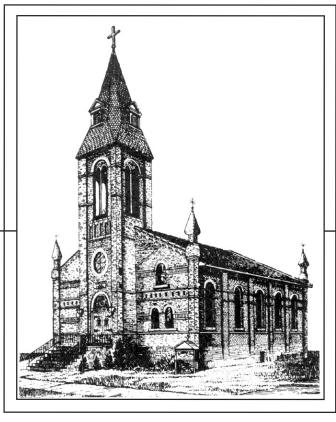
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### **MAY 29, 2022**

#### GREAT RESPONSE! THANK YOU.

In last weekend's bulletin, I listed areas of our parish liturgy and life that required parishioners to become involved and exercise their call to service in ministry. I have heard from many people who would like to join the various areas of need and am still open to anyone else who would like to step forward and use your Godgiven gifts and talents. Please speak to me about the ministries of Altar Server, Adult Altar Server (Funerals), Flower Care, Sacristan and Lector.

#### RECEIVING COMMUNION



In the last two plus years of pandemic, when many restrictions and additions were made to our lives and were also applied to the gathering for and celebration of Mass, it was also a time when many Catholics were drawn either to stay away from church altogether or if they went to church to refrain from Holy Communion since they could not receive it on the tongue (by order of the Archdiocese) as they had always done. Covid-19 provided many examples of division in the country and in the Church and people were left to make personal decisions on what they would comply with and what they wouldn't according to their own consciences. Division in politics and opinions is one thing but it is not a good thing in the Church when it comes to the sacraments and in particular the Mass. Some Catholics refrained from receiving Holy Communion for the duration of the lockdowns and the prohibition to receive Jesus on the tongue. I know so many of these people and it gave me a real appreciation for their conviction not to receive when they had always been reverend and devout in their reception of Holy Communion throughout their lives. Others who had formerly received on the tongue moved to receiving in the hand for their own reasons. In the end, I think, the overall appreciation of the Eucharist for so many Catholics the world over has waned somewhat as many were content to watch Mass online without receiving Communion. How does one grow in their appreciation for something when it is taken away, is unavailable or is viewed as optional and even unnecessary?

Once things had gradually begun to open up again and many of the restrictions that had been in place since March of 2020 were lifted, people have begun to return to church, some for the first time in two years while many Catholics have still not returned and perhaps never will.

It is good for us to look at the way we receive Holy Communion with a mind to being charitable and open to the choices of others as they receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Of course, the only choice we have for receiving Jesus in this most holy Sacrament is either on the tongue or in the hand and not by some other human preference that shows no dignity to the One whom we are receiving. Our preference and habit of which of the two ways to receive Communion may not be as

important as the fact that we should always be respectful and appreciative of this great, mysterious and miraculous gift.

In the 2004 Vatican Instruction Redemptionis Sacramentum, On certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Most Holy Eucharist, the following two parts are important for our reflection, no's 91 and 92.

[91.] In distributing Holy Communion it is to be remembered that "sacred ministers may not deny the sacraments to those who seek them in a reasonable manner, are rightly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them". Hence any baptized Catholic who is not prevented by law must be admitted to Holy Communion. Therefore, it is not licit to deny Holy Communion to any of Christ's faithful solely on the grounds, for example, that the person wishes to receive the Eucharist kneeling or standing.

[92.] Although each of the faithful always has the right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, at his choice, if any communicant should wish to receive the Sacrament in the hand, in areas where the Bishops' Conference with the *recognitio* of the Apostolic See has given permission, the sacred host is to be administered to him or her. However, special care should be taken to ensure that the host is consumed by the communicant in the presence of the minister, so that no one goes away carrying the Eucharistic species in his hand. If there is a risk of profanation, then Holy Communion should not be given in the hand to the faithful.

In section 91, we see that receiving Communion standing or kneeling is not to be denied anyone who wishes to receive it in these ways. (I am currently testing the two kneelers at the foot of the sanctuary for those who receive Communion on the tongue and kneel to do so as there are a good many parishioners who choose to receive Communion this way. This makes it easier for them to kneel.) Section 92 makes it clear, and this might be surprising to many of the faithful, that the norm for receiving Communion is on the tongue and not on the hand. The local Ordinary, our Cardinal Archbishop, allows for Communion in the hand as an exception to the rule, as do many other dioceses. While most Catholics in Canada receive in the hand it may understandably lead to the opinion that this form is the norm and Communion in the hand is the exception. However, no. 92 above makes it clear that it is not.

What is of the utmost importance is the disposition of the one who is receiving Communion.

#### RECEIVING COMMUNION IN THE HAND

The proper way to receive Holy Communion when receiving in the hand is to place the hand you eat and write with (for most people, the right hand) and place that hand underneath your other hand as you present yourself for Communion. When the sacred host is placed in your hand, then you take the host out of this hand with the hand that was underneath and place it in your mouth. The faithful should refrain from taking the host using two hands side by side or flipping the host into another hand after it has been placed in your hand by the priest.

#### **RECEIVING COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE**

When presenting yourself for Communion on the tongue and after you have said, "Amen", extend your tongue in such a way that the priest is easily able to place the host on your tongue. This prevents the likelihood of the priests' fingers touching your mouth or tongue. (Fr. Charles)



Tuesday May 31

8:30am Intentions of Oliver Wedge

Requested by Rebecca Wedge

Wednesday June 1

7:00pm +Cinzia De Matteis

Thursday June 2

8:30am +Kevin Knox

Requested by Ken Wright

Friday June 3 7:30am

HOLY HOUR

8:30am +Michael & Lucia Piccirilli

Requested by Marilyn Lawrence

Saturday June 4

8:30am +Frances O'Hearn & Florence Dagenais

Requested by Deb & Brian O'Hearn

3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm +Marian Szydziak

Requested by Deb & Brian O'Hearn

Sunday June 5

9:00am +Nancy Greco

Requested by Geraldine & Frank Bondi

11:00am For the People

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