

PYX PROTOCOL



A pyx or pix is a small round container used in the Catholic, Old Catholic and Anglican Churches to carry the consecrated host (Eucharist)

If you or someone you know has a severe food allergies and need to avoid cross-contamination or receive low gluten hosts, protocol is in place using a Pyx.

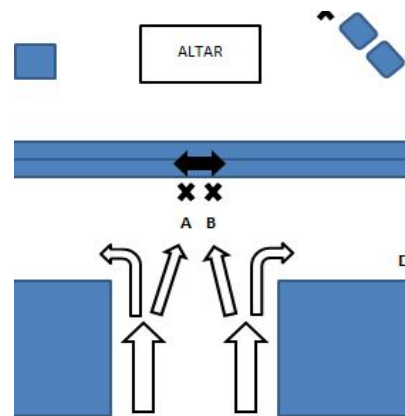
1. Placement of a pyx labeled with communicant's name in the ciborium at the gifts station at the entrance of the Church before mass to be carried up at the procession of the gifts.

NOTE: Low-Gluten hosts are available from the sacristan on duty at each mass.

2. Inform the Sacristan (stationed at the gifts station before mass and wearing a nametag with this logo) or one of the Eucharistic ministers of your presence and that you have placed your Pyx in the ciborium.



3. After consecration, the priest will place your pyx in the ciborium to be distributed from centre left (Position A on this diagram ... left side as you look at the altar). Pyx are always distributed from this position*.



4. Approach the Celebrant or Deacon to receive communion. Indicate that your pyx is in the ciborium and give your name if unfamiliar to the minister. He will hold up the pyx and say "The Body of Christ" then place the unopened pyx in your hand. Step to the side, open your pyx and consume the Eucharist before returning to your seat.

PLEASE NOTE: A Eucharist cannot be requested to be placed in a Pyx during Communion. Arrangements must be made before or after mass and only properly trained Pastoral Care Ministers may bring the Eucharistic home to the sick.

*If a Deacon is present, he will be given the ciborium with the pyx and distribute from centre left. If a Deacon is not in attendance, the priest will distribute communion (and any pyx) from centre left and the lead Eucharistic minister will serve from centre right. As the priest alternates positions each week, this will provide the gluten-sensitive / allergic communicant the opportunity to receive the Eucharist from the priest every other week.

MOBILITY CHALLENGES



If you or someone you know is unable to come to the front to receive the Eucharist because of illness and/or mobility issues, arrangements can be made before mass (with the assistance of the ushers and Eucharistic Ministers) to have Communion brought to a communicant in the pews.

Protocol:

1. Identify yourself to an usher or Eucharistic minister before mass indicating your wish to have communion brought to you in the pew.
2. Choose to sit up at the front or position yourself on aisle so that there is easy access for a Eucharistic Minister to reach you.
3. After all the other communicants have received communion and before returning to the altar, a Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to those in the congregation requiring this service.

NOTE to EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS: A third Training Session will be scheduled (no date yet) before the Commissioning Mass planned for the Spring of 2017. If you were unable to attend the Dec 5 and Jan 10 sessions, please be aware that this training must be completed before you can be formally commissioned.
