

*A letter to all the faithful at SJE...*

To St. John the Evangelist parishioners and visitors,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the hand sanitizing protocol carried out by all Liturgical Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMEs) prior to distributing Holy Communion during all Masses.

All SJE Liturgical EMEs are to follow a written protocol found in our *EME Liturgy Handbook*.

The EME protocol is as follows:

- Obtain a Hand Sanitizing Wipe located in the Sacristy after signing in which is to be taken to their seat in the church.
- During the reciting of the “Our Father” remove the sanitizing wipe from the packet.
- Discreetly cleanse hands with the sanitizing wipe at an appropriate time prior to lining up and processing up to the Sanctuary to receive Holy Communion.
- Refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace; rather, offer another “sign”.

The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are Christ’s disciples who assist with serving our Lord in the most reverent, yet practical manner, to all those who wish to receive.

We believe our practical efforts should alleviate many of your concerns.

Thank you,

The SJE EME Ministry