

Sunday Celebration of the Word

Policy No. 511

Policy Statement: The ritual for *Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours* is only to be used in extraordinary circumstances.

The Rite of Distribution of Communion during the Sunday Celebration of the Word is omitted for all weekend celebrations, unless there are enough consecrated hosts.

Definition: An extraordinary circumstance occurs when

- a priest becomes incapacitated during the weekend
- a serious emergency arises with no opportunity to find a replacement priest to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. (See Policy No. 1102 Protocols in the Sudden Absence of the Pastor)

Procedure:

- a) If the parish has one or more permanent deacons, a permanent deacon is to preside.
- b) If the parish does not have a permanent deacon, the parish will have duly trained lay ministers prepared to preside.

Refer to Policy:
No. 1102 Protocols in the Sudden Absence of the Pastor