

- Be attentive to the Word, the Scripture readings, and homily.
- Be generous stewards of your treasure, using your offering envelope to support your parish. Children may request offering envelopes from the Parish Office.
- Lower and raise the kneelers carefully and quietly when needed.
- Follow the directives of the Hospitality Ministers for receiving Holy Communion.
- Stay for the entire Mass, including the final hymn. Please do not leave after Communion.
- Please replace the hymnal into its holder and tidy up your space for the people coming to the next Mass.

Children at Mass

- Please bring young children to Mass to get them used to proper behavior at Church.
- Prepare children by talking about what happens at Mass, what they will see and hear. Explain that there are times when it is important to be quiet and still.
- Have children use restrooms at home before setting out.
- Accompany young children to Church restrooms.
- Understandably, young children act out at times. We suggest you take them into the Church narthex, where you can still see and hear the Mass without disturbing others.
- On most Sundays, during the 9:30 a.m. Eucharist, there is a children's Liturgy of the Word, during which the children gather to listen to the Scriptures and to receive a message appropriate to their understanding. A take-home handout is usually given as well. Volunteer catechist leaders for this program are always needed.
- Please do not bring any food or drink, except a bottle for infants.
- Bringing prayer books or Bible story books for children are suggested. Please do not bring any crayons or other marking devices, games, or large toys.
- Compliment your child's good behavior at the end of Mass. Correct if necessary.

After Mass

- Some may wish to pray privately after Mass, so please exit quietly from the Church proper. We encourage you to socialize in the narthex or the labyrinth (outdoor plaza) after Mass.
- Please accept a bulletin from one of the hospitality ministers. Please read it and any inserts and keep it handy for future reference.
- The presider(s) usually will greet you as you leave.
- Usually once a month after the 9:30 a.m. Eucharist, there is a social with some light refreshments. We encourage you to enjoy this time of Christian fellowship, which helps to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. We are always looking for families (or several families) to host this social.
- Please check out our pamphlet rack in the vestibule and help yourself to whatever literature that appears helpful. There are offering envelopes there as well for donations to help offset the expense of this literature.
- Please exit the parking lot carefully.
- Do discuss the readings, homily, etc. of the Mass with your family.
- Resolve to live the Mass during the week.

These suggestions for Church etiquette, recommended by our Parish Pastoral Council, are meant to be helpful and to foster a prayerful experience at Sunday worship. They are far from exhaustive and will be revised from time to time. Your input is welcome. October 2016