



Church Etiquette

A few friendly reminders from Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church

Thank you for your presence at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, where all are welcome to worship the Lord. In order to preserve the sacredness of the liturgy, ensure an atmosphere of reverence, and provide for the comfort of all those gathered, the following are some gentle reminders of church etiquette:

Arriving on Time:

We ask that you make every attempt to be on time (even early) to Mass. Remember to allow yourself enough time for parking and extra time if you need to drop off your children in the child care room in the Parish Center (during 9:30 Mass).

There are times when circumstances are beyond our control and tardiness cannot be avoided. If Mass has begun, please find a seat as quietly as possible. Ushers may be available to assist you if the Liturgy of the Word has not yet begun.

Leaving Before the Final Blessing:

The dismissal is an important part of the Mass. It is when we celebrate our commission “go out and make disciples of all nations” Matt 28:19. Our liturgy has a beginning (“In the name of the Father ...”) and an end (“Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord...”).

Proper Attire:

In all areas of our lives, we should offer Christ our best, and the same is true of our dress. We should offer Christ our “Sunday best.” We should dress modestly, not in a flashy way that would bring attention to ourselves. Our dress should always be becoming of a Christian - especially at church.

Food and drink:

There should be no food and drink in church. The exceptions would be a drink for small children, water for those who are ill. Bringing a snack into church is not appropriate, because we want to set the church apart as a place of prayer and reflection

Extracurricular activities during Mass:

The bulletin and Clarion Herald provide great reading material – but please don’t read them during Mass. Keep your attention on the Lord.

Fellowship after Mass:

We encourage you to visit with others, but try to bring your visits outside of the main sanctuary of the church so you won’t disturb others who want to stay and pray. If you have conversation after Mass in the church, please be mindful of your volume because others may be praying.



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Our Children:

- Children are welcome at Mass, and parents should be commended for making Sunday Mass a priority in their lives. If you have children under the age of 4, you are welcome, if you wish, to use our Child Care room in the Parish Center at 9:30 Mass.
- The 9:30 Mass on Sunday morning tends to have the most attendance of young children, and we offer a Liturgy of the Word for Children during this Mass, for ages 4 to 4th grade. There is also Liturgy of the Word for Children available during 8 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
- If your child is attending Mass with you and begins to cry or be disruptive to those trying to pray around you, we ask that you take your child outside or into our cry rooms in the back of church until comforted enough to rejoin our assembly in prayer.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices:

Please remember to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices before entering the church