

THINGS TO KNOW

- You do not need to do everything perfectly. The people around you have been coming to church for years and also lose their place sometimes.
- It is okay to simply observe as well.
- Children are a blessing.
- If you feel something unexpected; emotion, peace or confusion, that's completely okay. Many people do.



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If you have any questions, want to learn more, or are wanting to become Catholic, please reach out to our office. There is no obligation and no pressure.

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WELCOME HOME



A Guide for Newcomers and Those Returning to the Catholic Mass

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Whether you are walking through the doors of a Catholic church for the first time or returning after a long time away, you are welcome and wanted here.



RECOMMENDATION GUIDE

- Sit near the middle or back of the church, this way you can observe and follow along easily.
- Hymnals are provided. Explore the provided books located in the pews. Page numbers are on signs towards the front of the church.





ORDER OF THE MASS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Mass begins with an entrance hymn and a greeting from the priest. There will be two readings and one psalm followed by the Gospel and then a Homily. (A Homily is a reflection on the Gospel from the Priest.) The congregation responds aloud at certain points, this will be printed in the Breaking Bread book, so do not worry about memorization.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The is the central act of Catholic worship. The Priest consecrates the bread and wine which Catholics believe becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. The congregation will then approach to recieve Communion.

WHAT TO DO DURING COMMUNION

If you are not Catholic or haven't been to Confession in some time, please do not recieve Communion. You may remain in your pew or come forward in line, crossing your arms, to recieve a blessing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Mass ends with a blessing.
The Priest or Deacon will say, "Go in peace." The congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."
A closing hymn will then be played to finish the Mass.

The Priest and altar servers exit down the isle and then you may follow along with the congregation to the exit.