

5 Ways to Welcome Others at Mass

Here are 5 simple and meaningful ways to welcome others at Mass, whether you're a parishioner, usher, greeter, or simply someone who wants to share the love of Christ with others:

1. Offer a Warm Greeting

A genuine smile, eye contact, and a kind "Good morning" or "Welcome" can go a long way.

If you recognize someone new, consider saying, "I don't think we've met before—welcome!"

2. Be Attentive to Visitors

Help guests find seats, especially families or the elderly.

Offer assistance with hymnals, worship aids, or directions to restrooms or the cry room.

If someone seems unsure, gently ask, "Can I help you find anything?"

3. Introduce Yourself

After Mass, take a moment to introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

You might say, "Hi, I'm [Name]—how long have you been coming to [Parish Name]?"

4. Invite and Include

Invite newcomers or those sitting alone to parish events, coffee and donuts, or small groups.

Let them know about ministries they can join or ways to get involved.

5. Practice Hospitality Beyond the Doors

Hospitality isn't just for greeters—every parishioner plays a role.

Smile, make room in your pew, offer a handshake at the Sign of Peace with warmth and sincerity.

Be the reason someone feels like they belong at church.