

GREETERS

1. Arrive early (no less than 25 minutes before Mass is scheduled to begin) on the days you are scheduled to greet. GREETER badges will be located in a basket at the back of the church. Please wear a badge so parishioners and newcomers can easily identify your role as greeter.
2. Find your own substitute well in advance if you can't make it.
3. Check to see whether the greeter(s) scheduled with you have arrived. If they have not arrived by 20 minutes before Mass time, find another greeter to help you.
4. A greeter should be located at each of the following entrances: northeast and northwest doors in the gathering area and between the double doors at the southeast and southwest entrance.
5. Remember that you represent the parish and for newcomers you may be the first friendly face upon arrival.
6. Reach out to others rather than waiting until they come to you.
7. SMILE, greet people with friendliness and warmth, but without being too intrusive.
8. Avoid getting into conversations. Visit with friends after Mass.
9. Welcome everyone you can, especially persons who are not familiar to you.

10. Introduce yourself and inquire if they are new to the parish and welcome them.
11. Try to remember the newcomers' faces and if possible, names. When you see them again, try to introduce them to parish regulars to help them get acquainted. Invite them to stay for coffee and rolls if they are being served that morning.
12. Greet children and teens as well as adults. Teenagers often feel unconnected to the community and unwelcome at church.
13. Be as attentive as you can to people's varying moods or dispositions and respond to them accordingly.
14. Gently offer assistance to anyone who appears to need it: elderly persons, any adult with small children, or persons with disabilities. Be sure to give them freedom to refuse help.