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## **Liturgy Committee Bulletin Letter** **Making Sunday Mass a better experience: Part I**

- Make Sunday Mass a priority when scheduling activities for the weekend.
- Read the readings over beforehand during the week. The scriptural references are published in the previous week's bulletin.
- Leave the house in plenty of time to get to church a little early.
- Focus on what you are about to do as you get in the car.
- Greet people you know as you walk in the door.
- Make sure the little ones can see the altar. Bring books for them to read.
- Take a moment to focus your thoughts before Mass begins. What are you grateful for this week?
- Re-read the Sunday readings before Mass begins.
- Join in the singing of the gathering hymn. Think about the words of the hymn.
- Listen to the readings and try to focus on a word or phrase that stands out for you.
- After each reading is read try to remember a verse or an idea of what it was about.
- Try to take one key idea from the priest's homily. What point is Father trying to make? What do you think Father wants you to remember from the homily.
- Pray the Creed with conviction, like you really do believe.
- Bring your personal needs and concerns to the Prayer of the Faithful.