

Liturgical etiquette for participating in a streamed parish Mass:

1. We both stream and record our parish Masses since COVID started. Theologically and liturgically, it is better to participate at home in a Mass that is being celebrated at the time you are participating. For example, it is best to participate at home at the Saturday night mass being celebrated at 5:30 pm, or participate on Sunday at the 8:00 am or the 10:00 am mass that is actually being celebrated rather than viewing (watching) a mass already celebrated. However sometimes this might be necessary, especially for our homebound parishioners, for example.

In this way, you are actually praying the mass with your faith community as the mass is celebrated at your parish church.

2. Furthermore, it is good discipline for ourselves and for our children to offer a similar respect for the liturgy at home as we would when we are present at church. For example, wear appropriate attire for celebration of mass versus the bathrobe in the armchair with your coffee (simply watching mass rather than participating).

Other ideas:

- lighting a candle at home in the area where you are participating
 - praying along with the community using appropriate responses:
 - standing for the gospel
 - kneeling for the consecration
 - sitting attentively for the readings
 - It is also good to encourage children, especially, to participate in these practices, to model behavior as if they were gathered with their parish family.
3. All of these suggestions are orientated toward **celebrating** the Sunday mass at home, rather than **watching** the mass at home.