

# Church Visit Etiquette



## **Wear clothes appropriate for a place of worship.**

Casual clothes are fine, but please use good judgment. Avoid wearing anything that shows an excessive amount of skin.



## **Churches, as places of prayer, are always open. (Some may be closed for administrative purposes.)**

The front doors are mainly used for ceremonies. Please place your shoes in the provided shoe cubby when shoes are forbidden indoors. Take off any hats or headwear and enter the church quietly.



## **The container filled with water near the entrance is a holy water vessel.**

Christians use this when making the sign of the cross to cleanse themselves before entering the hall.



## **Please quietly take a seat.**

Eating, drinking, and smoking are strictly forbidden. Please refrain from speaking loudly. The bibles and prayer books on the seats and tables may belong to someone, so please refrain from touching them.

## **Please respect the solemnity of the church.**

The churches are deeply ingrained with the prayers of the locals. Listen to their voices in silence. Turn your phones on silent mode.



## **The chancel is a sacred place.**

Around the altar, there is an area raised above the rest of the floor known as the "chancel". Only clergy members are permitted to enter. Please do not enter.



## **Photography is strictly forbidden within the building.**

Please let the film of your soul capture what your camera cannot.

## **If you visit during mass, please respect the rules of the proceedings.**

Most churches perform mass on Sundays. If you choose to participate, understand that the Eucharist (a ritual in which Christians receive a small piece of white bread) is only for Christians to partake in. Non-Christians should quietly remain seated.



## **Please refrain from visiting during ceremonies.**

Please refrain from visiting when there are people praying, weddings, or funerals.



## **How can I say thanks?**

Those who wish to show gratitude to the churches may contribute to the donation box installed in each church or to their preservation funds.