

NEW TABERNACLE

This weekend marks a new era for the Cathedral – the Blessed Sacrament returns to the sanctuary of the church. As Catholic Christians, we have always had a great devotion and a sense of reverence with regard to the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is truly present with us in such a wonderful and miraculous way.

With the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the main body of the church, it is important that we conduct ourselves in accordance with what we believe. We are in the presence of the Holy One. Even our body language gives testimony to our belief that we are in His holy presence.

When we enter the church, we go to our pew and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle as an act of adoration before entering the pew. A genuflection means we kneel on one knee briefly before taking our place in the pew. Those with bad knees may reverently bow.

People will want to spend time quietly in prayer in His presence. People will be praying before and after Mass and at other times outside of Mass. With respect for the Lord's holy presence and out of consideration for those in prayer, it is important that we do not talk in the church. When it is absolutely necessary to speak, it should be done in a whisper.

