

Solemn High Mass

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023 11 a.m.



Welcome to Atonement. We hope you will participate fully in today's service, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit are indicated by italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated by bold type. Hymns can be found by number in the blue hymnal in the pewbacks.

The Mass Ordinary is "Canterbury Mass" by Anthony Piccolo (b.1946)

THE VOLUNTARY

Blessed Jesus at thy word

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If this is your first time here, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Welcome Card, which can be found in the pewbacks, and place it in the offering basket or hand it to the priest or an usher after the service.

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit freuden Zart

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

A Penitential Order

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel, as able.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The People remain kneeling, as the Choir sings

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The People stand for the intonation of the Gloria, and sit when the Celebrant sits. The Choir sings

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The People stand, as able.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The People sit for the readings from scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7,12–18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

THE PSALM • 90:1–8, (9–11), 12

Domine, refugium

Setting: Ray Francis Brown (1897–1965)

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, “Go back, O child of earth.” For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14–30

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia.

He maketh peace in thy borders: And filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

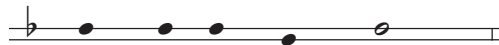
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Charles Everson
Rector

Please stand, as able, for

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the People respond

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People

And al - so with you.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

THE OFFERTORY PROPER

Gressus meos

Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love bade me welcome

Judith Weir (b.1954)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, Guiltie of dust and sinne. But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd any thing.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve. And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then will I serve. You must sit downe, sayes Love, and taste my Meat: So I did sit and eat.

Please stand, as able, and sing

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St Petersburg

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues the prayer.


Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."


After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People




Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

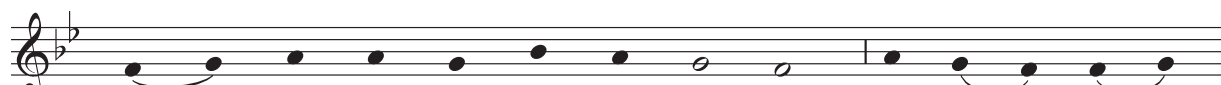
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.




A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



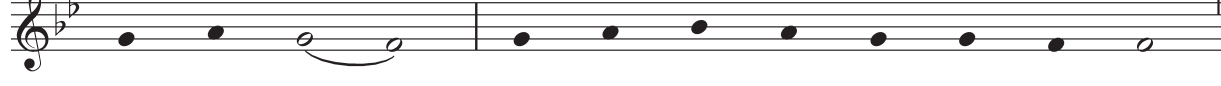
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed




be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,




on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our



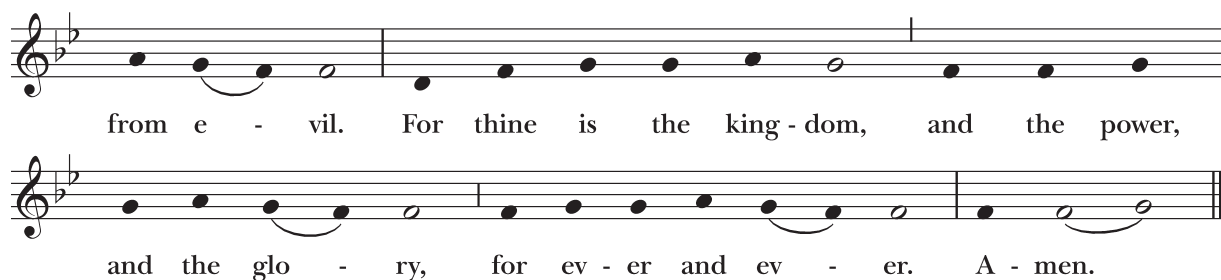
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,



as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead



us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

The Choir sings

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

Everyone is welcome to come forward at the sound of the bell. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion in both bread and wine. Please do not dip your bread in the wine. Gluten-free bread is available; please notify the priest as they come to you.

If you are not baptized, or if you prefer, you may receive a blessing from the priest instead: cross your arms over your chest to indicate this. If you do not wish to receive wine, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread. Please remain in place until the person next to you has received Communion.

THE COMMUNION PROPER

Dóminus regit me

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing; he shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

We shall walk in the valley of peace

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace; we shall walk through the valley in peace; And if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there; there will be no trials there; And if Jesus himself shall be our leader; we shall walk through the valley in peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMN • 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

Please kneel or stand, as able, for

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Celebrant offers God's blessing, to which the People respond

Amen.

Please stand, as able, for

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, to which the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE VOLUNTARY

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher (1978–1932)

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*Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in Montgomery Hall,
through the double doors on the right side of the church.*

*The sanctuary lamp is given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Helen Richardson by her daughter, Pauline Metzger.*

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TODAY'S MINISTERS *Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Scott Elliott; *Subdeacon:* Br Will White, CMJ; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Lectors:* Hugh Smart, Linda Jo Clough; *Intercessor:* Barbara Newman

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Pledge Ingathering today

Our 2024 Annual Stewardship Campaign, Room at the Table, will conclude today with the ingathering of pledge cards at all three Masses. We hope you have had time to reflect on your place at the Table and how your support invites others to join us.

If you haven't had time to complete your pledge card, please take a moment to do so online, or grab a card at the rear of the church.

Parish Forum: Music Ministry at Atonement

Join us Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our weekly parish forum. This week, Charlie, Chris, and the Schola explore Atonement's unique music ministry. Learn about the function of music within the Mass, find out how and why different music is selected each week, and watch the Schola prepare the music in real time. Discover how Sunday morning's music is carefully and thoughtfully selected and prepared to support, lead, and enrich our worship. Facilitators: Charlie Segal & Chris Windle

Transgender Day of Remembrance tomorrow

Transgender Day of Remembrance will be observed on Mon., Nov. 20. TDOR is an annual day of observance which honors the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence and by suicide. The Outreach Guild invites you to participate in commemorating TDOR after Mass this Sunday by adding a ribbon to our display on the north gate. You are invited to write words of prayer, lament, or the name of a trans person you'd like to memorialize on your ribbon as you tie it up. Ribbons and markers will be in the narthex at the end of each Mass.

If you'd like to learn more about TDOR, check out these websites:

glaad.org/tdor
transepiscopal.org/blog
transremembrance.org

Nominations for vestry and convention delegates sought

The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for warden (one open position), vestry (three open positions), and delegates to our diocesan convention (three positions and two alternates). Applications will be accepted until Fri., Dec. 1 after which the Nominations Committee consisting of the rector, departing vestrymembers, and additional members will convene to recommend a slate of candidates to the vestry for approval. The slate will be circulated at least one month prior to our Annual Meeting in late January.

All candidates must be at least 16-years old and in good standing with the church.

- The vestry is responsible for the physical and financial well-being of the parish, as well as strategic planning and crafting the vision of our future. Vestry members are elected to a three-year term.
- Delegates to convention represent Atonement and voting on proposed resolutions at the diocese's annual convention in November. Next year's convention will be held online.
- Wardens are the lay leaders of the vestry and are elected to a two-year term.

If you have questions, please contact Father Charles.

Applications are available at the rear of the church. Those interested in being considered for the open warden position should make their desire known to the rector.

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Nov. 23

You are invited to a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Thu., Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. The Rev'd Tom Scott will be celebrant and preacher. Come feed yourself spiritually before feasting on your Thanksgiving meal. This service will not be live-streamed.

There will not be a noon Mass or contemplative prayer on Thanksgiving Day.

Friendly Seniors invites you to lunch

Meet with old friends and make new friends on Fri., Dec. 1, at 11:30 a.m. in Montgomery Hall.

We will be meeting a week later than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Bring your own sandwich and a treat to share. Coffee will be provided. Charlie Segal, our director of music and organist, will discuss Atonement's famed music programs.

We will also collect donations of clean used clothing in good condition. Consider helping someone in need.

Holiday Baroque comes to Atonement this December

Flute, piccolo, archlute, trumpet, and violin solos share center stage with soprano showstoppers in the newest edition of Rembrandt Chamber Musicians' cherished annual tradition, Holiday Baroque. You're invited to an evening of joyous music Fri., Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Atonement. Tickets are \$36, with children and students FREE.

Featuring festive works by Handel, Vivaldi, and Bach alongside lesser-known gems by Alessandro Marcello and William Corbett, Holiday Baroque is sure to fill you with the spirit of the season. Watch a promo video: [youtube.com/watch?v=7YC5gsCmP2I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YC5gsCmP2I)

Get your tickets: rembrandtchambermusicians.vbotickets.com/event/Holiday_Baroque_Chicago/96136

RIP: Phyllis Robb

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, a funeral Mass for Phyllis Robb will be held on Sat., Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. at Atonement followed by a reception in Montgomery Hall. She died on Nov. 12. Phyllis will be interred in the church's columbarium.

Father Charles will celebrate the Mass and the Very Rev'd Joy Rogers will preach.

Tuesday morning coffee hour

We've begun a new tradition of coffee hour after the 7:30 Mass on Tuesdays. You are invited to stick around for a few minutes for coffee and conversation in Montgomery Hall. Please plan to join us if you can.

Save the Date: Lessons & Carols

Atonement will host its annual Advent Service of Lessons & Carols on Sun., Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. featuring the music of Richard Marlow, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Paul Manz, Judith Weir, John Rutter, Herbert Howells, and Edgar Bainton.

ONLINE GIVING The Church of the Atonement makes it easy to give online. Just scan the code to the right to either make a general contribution or pay your pledge online. Thank you for your support of our ongoing ministries.



RESTROOMS are located in the Parish House, through the double doors on the right side of the church. There is a changing table in each restroom.

SUPERVISED NURSERY CARE is available on the second floor of the Parish House, through the double doors on the right side of the church.

To find out more about our ministries, visit atonementchicago.org or contact any of the staff listed below.

Clergy, Staff & Leadership

CLERGY AND STAFF *Bishop of Chicago*: The Rt Rev'd Paula E. Clark; *Rector*: The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacons*: The Rev'd Charles Farrell, The Rev'd Scott Elliott; *Director of Music*: Charles T. Sega; *Associate Director of Music and Choirmaster*: Dr Christopher Windle; *Director of Operations & Communications*: Matt Rodgers; *Outreach & Community Relations Coordinator*: Jeni Eklund; *Ministries & Pastoral Care Coordinator*: Kate Mayer; *Liturgical Coordinator*: Br Ron Fox, BSG; *Nursery Supervisor*: Mary Galvin; *Sexton*: Gerardo Guzman

PRIEST ASSOCIATES The Rev'd Dr Maurice Charles, The Very Rev'd Robert S. Cristobal, The Rev'd Ted Durst, The Rev'd Kate Guistolise, The Rev'd Gary Lawler, The Rev'd John Moulder, The Very Rev'd Joy Rogers, The Rev'd Thomas C. H. Scott, The Rev'd Norma Sutton, The Rev'd Anne Wriener

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Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS Low Mass 8 a.m., Family Mass 9 a.m., Solemn High Mass 11 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday–Wednesday 7:30 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m., Thursday 12 noon, Friday 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAYS The Holy Rosary 9:30 a.m., Healing Mass 10 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER Daily 8:30 a.m. *on Google Meet*

EVENING PRAYER Tuesday 5:30 p.m. *on Google Meet*

PRIVATE CONFESSION Wednesday 6 p.m.

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