

Solemn High Mass

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 26, 2026 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 setting is "Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena"
by Healey Willan (1880–1968)*

THE VOLUNTARY

Benedictus

Max Reger (1873–1916)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 435

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE • S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA • S-202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,

good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,

we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.____
A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

1 Kings 3:5–12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

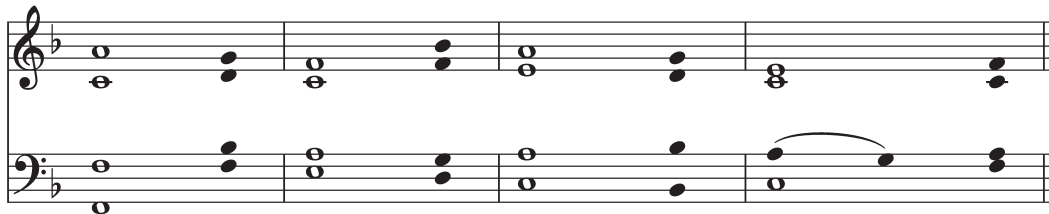
It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM • 119:129–136

Mirabilia



Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your com-mandments.
Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your com-mandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31–33,44–52

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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

The People are invited to bow as the Gospel Book passes.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Charles Everson

Please stand, as able.

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

The People respond to each intercession, saying

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE

Celebrant

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

People

And al - so with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please stand, as able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

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 our 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, before continuing

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 SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS • S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



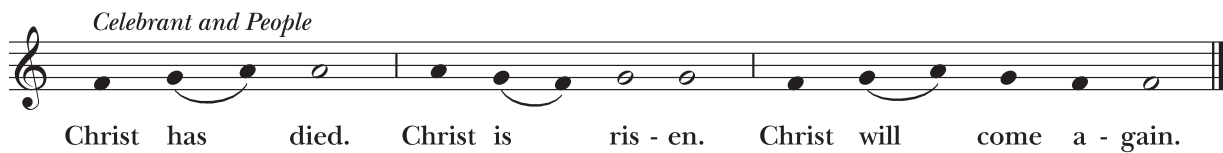
Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues the prayer.

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."

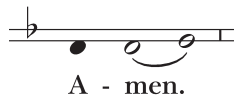
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



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.



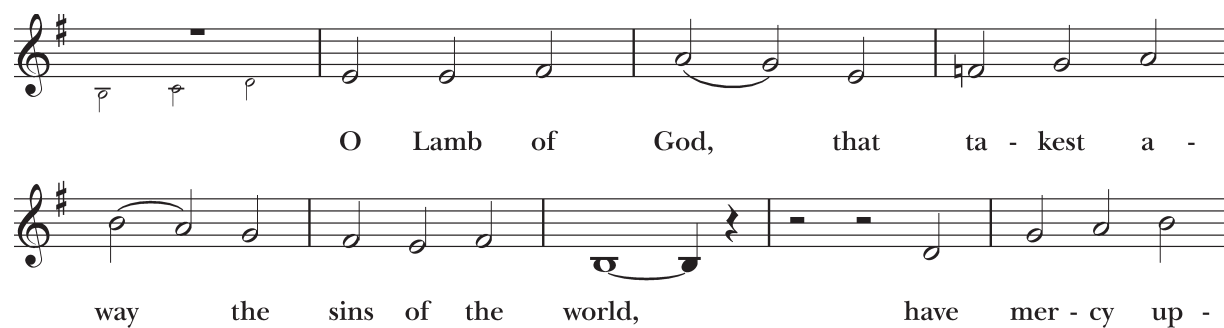
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI • S-158



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy 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 this time. 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 HYMN • 305

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Rosedale

THE COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

From time to time, a Eucharistic Visitor is sent forth with the Body of Christ to those unable to be present with us on Sundays.

N., in the name of Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body.
We, who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Please kneel or stand, as able.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or Celebrant, dismisses the People, to which they respond

Thanks be to God.

The Ministers process to the Mary Shrine.

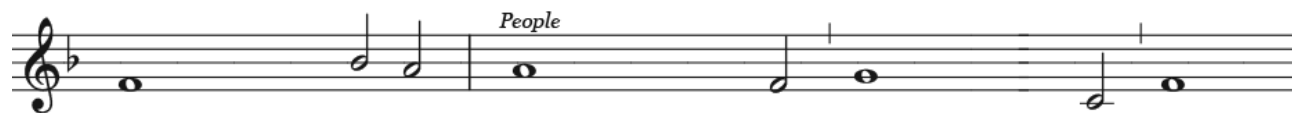
THE ANGELUS



1. The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Ma - ry; And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word.
3. And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt a - mong us.



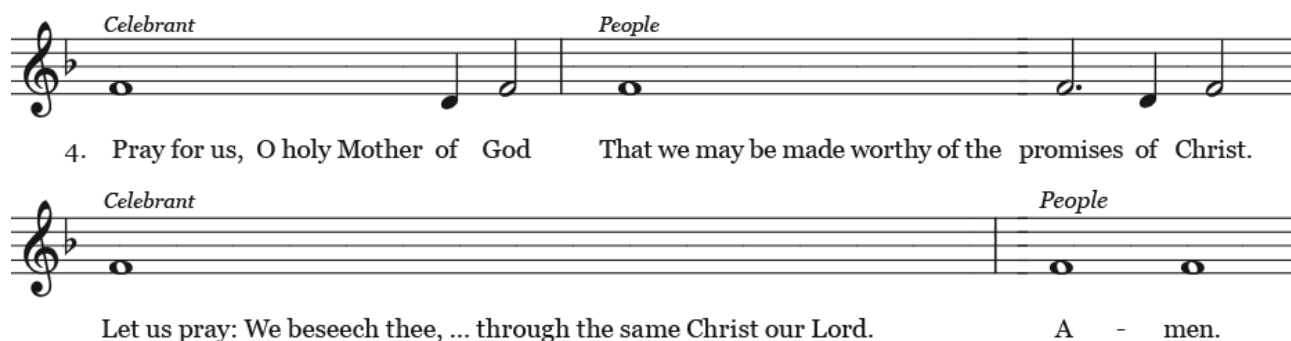
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the



fruit of thy womb, Je - sus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and in the



hour of our death. A - men.



Celebrant *People*

4. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant *People*

Let us pray: We beseech thee, ... through the same Christ our Lord. A - men.

The People are invited to bow as the processional cross passes.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE VOLUNTARY

Final from Symphony No. 2

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

The voluntary is an offering of worship, not a performance. In lieu of applause, please consider thanking the organist at coffee hour or by email.

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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 candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eric Jasper by Liz Sarnik.

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Usher and Bellringer Guilds.

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Today's Ministers. *Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Charles Farrell; *Subdeacon:* Br. Will Whire, CMJ; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Lectors:* Barbara Newman, Richard Benson; *Intercessor:* Daniel Burke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly Seniors meets next week. You're invited to join Friendly Seniors Fri., July 31 at 11:30 a.m. in Montgomery Hall. Bring a dish to share and let Dennis Pattey-Warner know what it will be (847) 890-8110.

Friendly Seniors continues its Senior Conversations on "Caregiving for Ordinary People." Our session will explore themes that will benefit new caregivers. Come prepared to share your caregiving stories.

What does The Episcopal Church believe and teach about marriage and sexuality? The Episcopal Church has a way of resisting easy answers and nowhere is that truer than in matters of marriage and sexuality. Where some traditions offer a rulebook, much of what we believe is written not in a catechism but in the words we pray. Join the rector for a two-part forum on Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. in Montgomery Hall as we explore how our tradition has understood marriage, sex, and the body, and where it leaves room for honest wrestling.

All are welcome, whether you've been an Episcopalian your whole life or walked in the door last month. Come with your questions.

Donate to our annual Swift School supply drive. Atonement is collecting back-to-school supplies again this year for students at Swift Elementary School on Winthrop. Your donations will help students be prepared and ready to learn. Thank you for supporting this ministry and helping serve our community. Visit our Amazon list: [tinyurl.com/swiftschool2026](https://www.amazon.com/swiftschool2026)

Please deliver all donations to the church by Aug. 9 and place items in the bins in the narthex. You can send your Amazon gift right to the church. If you prefer to give financially, a Swift School line item is available at [tinyurl.com/atonement-give](https://www.tinyurl.com/atonement-give)

We need your help to make the block party successful. Our annual block party will be held on Sat., Aug. 22, 2 to 7 p.m. As you know, we're doing it again, but we need everyone's help. How can you help?

We've raised more than \$6,500 and are almost half way to our \$15,000 goal. Your donation not only covers the cost of the block party but supports all of Atonement's ministries. You can make a donation at [tinyurl.com/atonement-give](https://www.tinyurl.com/atonement-give)

Purchase from our online wishlist ([tinyurl.com/OLT-wishlist](https://www.tinyurl.com/OLT-wishlist)). Thank you to everyone who's helped keep costs down by contributing food, drinks, and equipment. We have an online "wish list" for purchases to be delivered directly to the church. The list will be updated weekly.

Volunteer to help on Aug. 22. We are asking for volunteers for various activities during the day of the Block Party. You won't need to spend the entire day working. Just a couple hours will be appreciated...and it's fun and you'll be wearing the bright blue T-shirt we sported last year. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/OLT26-volunteer](https://www.tinyurl.com/OLT26-volunteer)

Explore Education for Ministry. Deepen your Christian faith. Learn how to articulate that faith. Let that faith inspire you into action. Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. Atonement EfM meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for 36 weeks and the next seminar group will begin in October 2026.

If you are interested in pre-registering or curious about EfM, email Br. Will White at wawhite25@gmail.com or call (773) 350-6237. Program tuition and scholarships are pending so stay tuned.

Dinners for 8 resumes in September. Dinners for 8 is taking a break for the summer months, although that certainly does not mean you can't get together with some of the folks you met or renewed relationships with this past year. I know of one group that is already looking at dates for a summer reunion.

We will resume in September with a new round of dinner groups and new opportunities to get to know folks both old and new in our increasingly growing church. If you're new to our parish or haven't yet joined a group, definitely consider participating this year.

Look for the sign-up sheet in mid-August in this e-newsletter. If you have questions or would like to chat with one of us, our contact info is below or grab us at coffee hour.

Sena Leikvold (senaleikvold@yahoo.com) and
Monique Clark (moniquekclark03@gmail.com)

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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 and Friday 7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon, Wednesday 7 p.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*

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