

Solemn High Mass

THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 13, 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 by William Mathias (1934–1992)

THE VOLUNTARY

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

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 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

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 KYRIE • S-98

Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

THE GLORIA • S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, 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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit for the readings from scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15–21

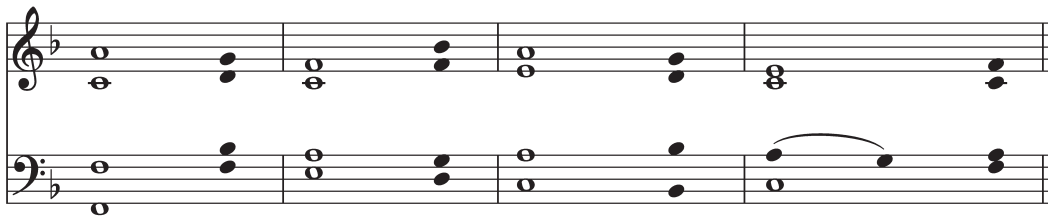
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM • 103:8–13

Benedic, anima mea



The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always ac-cuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

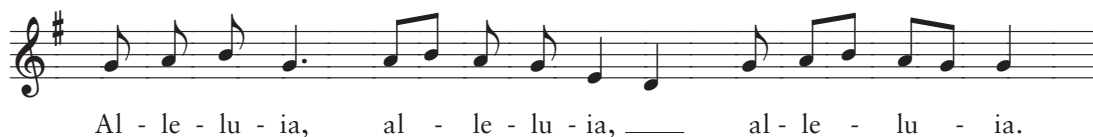
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten

thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

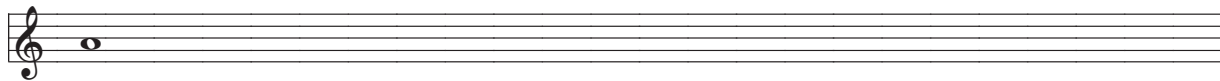
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Charles Everson

Please stand, as able.

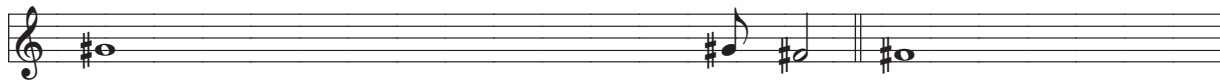
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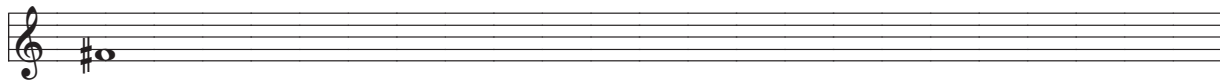
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.



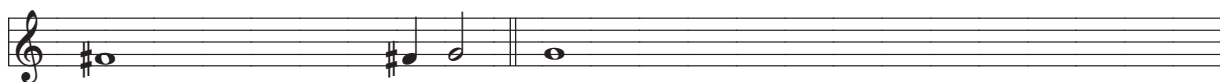
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit



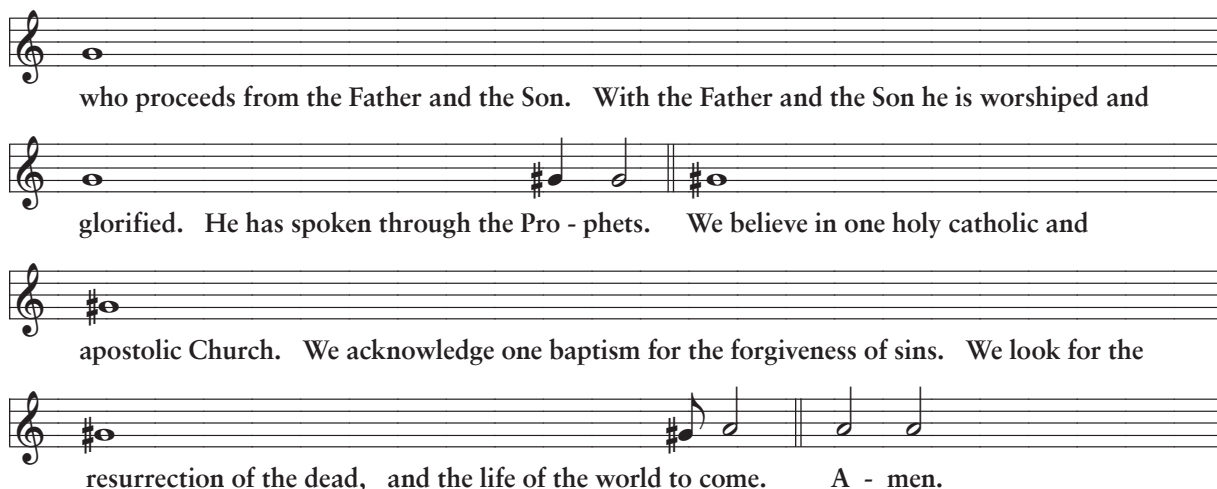
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was



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 Pro - phets. 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. A - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

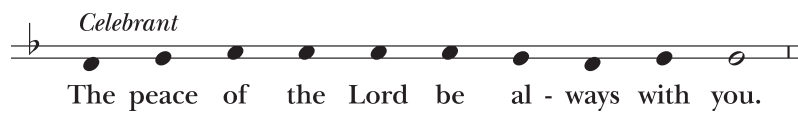
The People respond to each intercession, saying

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

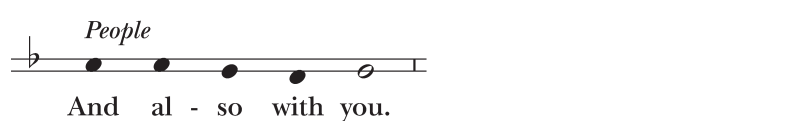
THE PEACE

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.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please stand, as able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 591

O God of earth and altar

King's Lynn

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-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people celebrate and make, with these holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we humbly ask you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in which we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

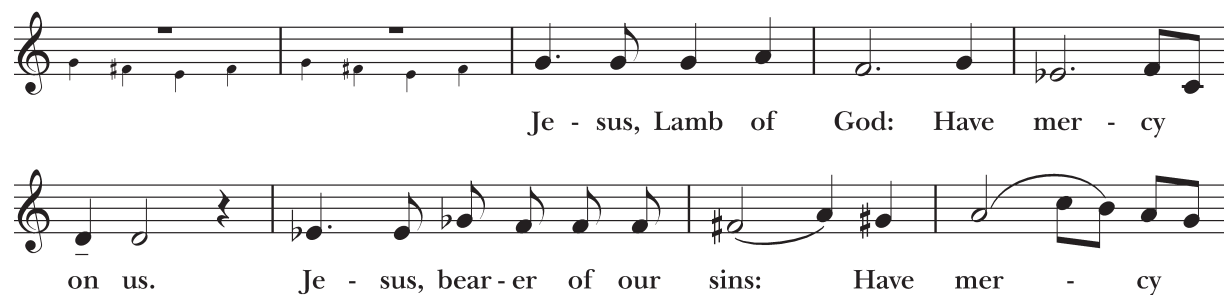
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

THE AGNUS DEI • S-165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy



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 • 313

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Jesu, meine Zuversicht

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.

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 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 People are invited to bow as the processional cross passes.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 398

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

THE VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

*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.*

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by members of the parish.

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Today's Ministers. *Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Luigi Mandile;
Subdeacon: Jerad Mosbey; *Organist:* Charlie Sega; *Lectors:* Mike Trumbold, Jennifer Ash; *Intercessor:* Tim Fox

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith formation returns today. Parish Forums begin today at 10 a.m. in the Elizabethan Room with “The Parish Vestry, Part I.” This year’s forum series will include presentations meant to give parishioners a clearer idea of what the vestry does and how its members have graced and been graced by their involvement in the work of Atonement. The first of these forums will feature warden Charles Bonilla, and vestrymembers, Pauline Sachar and Evie Aadland Coe.

Want to join our music ministry? The St Cecilia Choir will be hosting an open rehearsal on Wed., Sep. 23 at 6:30 p.m. for interested singers in the congregation and community. The choir is welcoming new members in all voice parts this fall. Rehearsals and Evensong services are on Wednesday evenings between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. and do not require a Sunday morning commitment.

Choir members are invited and encouraged to participate in select scheduled Sunday mornings throughout the year as they are able. A schedule will be made available at the open rehearsal. Talk to Charlie or Chris, or email them for more information (choirsoftheatonement@gmail.com).

Care for Friends host annual Power Hope fundraiser. On Thu., Sep. 24 at The Arbory (2219 W. Grand), Care for Friends will be hosting its 11th Annual Power Hope Awards, honoring individuals whose lives inspire hope in others and make a positive impact in the Chicago community. Prior award winners have included Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, the NFL's Matt Forte, and @Properties' Emily Sachs Wong.

Power Hope Awards is the single most important day of the year in raising the funds that power Care for Friends and our life-saving and transformative programming. Your ticket and generous gift makes it possible for thousands of our neighbors to receive holistic wrap-around services and participate in a community that respects and loves them.

Get tickets at givebutter.com/power-hope-awards-2026

Neighborhood Pet Blessing in October. In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, beloved for his care and love for all of God's creatures, the Church of the Atonement invites parishioners, friends, and neighbors to bring their beloved pets for a special Blessing of the Animals on Sun., Oct. 4, following the 11:00 Mass. We will also be collecting pet food donations for our local pet pantry.

In addition, we will bless the beautiful new statue of St. Francis has been installed in the garden. Many thanks to Jerry Mash for donating the statue, and to all who helped install it. Afterwards, please stay and enjoy a reception and fellowship as we celebrate the special animals who bring joy, companionship, and love into our lives.

All creatures—great and small—are welcome. Please plan to join us for this special celebration.

Save the date for our ministry fair. Are you looking for a new way to serve the parish? Come explore the many ways to connect, serve, and grow at Atonement on Sun., Oct. 11. Representatives from our parish ministries will be on hand to share information and answer questions.

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Request a Mass Intention at atonementchicago.org/mass-intentions. We ask that intentions be submitted at least one week in advance. There is no charge or fee, but if you wish to leave a donation.

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.

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

CLERGY, STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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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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