

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

National Catholic Church

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August 17, 2025



Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C'
August 17, 2025

Altar Servers: Abby, Everett

Greeter: Diane Brennan

Lector: Kate Hoefer

Trustees: Rick, Joanne

Mass Intentions:

Sun. Aug. 17 - For Parishioners.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

NICAEA



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



1. Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
2. Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
3. Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
4. All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
2. Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
3. On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



1. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
2. Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
3. Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
4. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: 11 12 12 10; Reginald Heber. 1783–1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

STAND**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. With confidence and hope we call on the Lord's mercy, trusting Him to forgive us and bring us to the place of peace and safety. Please, make an examination of your conscience.

KNEEL or SIT

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.

Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

All: I confess to almighty God

**in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints
and you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**

striking the breast three times and continuing

in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do.

**I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and,
with His authority vested in me,
I absolve you from all your sins:
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.
C. Christ, have mercy. R/. Christ, have mercy.
C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

STAND

All: Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
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.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord, our God,
for You are everywhere and fill the universe.
All things exist because of You, and nothing is hidden from Your eyes.
Grant that we, who live according to Your Word,
may mature in faith and life.
We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

In those days, the princes said to the king:
"Jeremiah ought to be put to death;
he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city,
and all the people, by speaking such things to them;
he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin."
King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power";
for the king could do nothing with them.
And so they took Jeremiah
and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah,
which was in the quarters of the guard,
letting him down with ropes.
There was no water in the cistern, only mud,
and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official,
went there from the palace and said to him:
"My lord king,
these men have been at fault
in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah,
casting him into the cistern.
He will die of famine on the spot,
for there is no more food in the city."
Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite
to take three men along with him,
and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before
he should die.

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

C. Lord, come to my aid!

R/. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

R/. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.

He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps.

R/. Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading Heb 12:1–4

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and perfecter of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before him
he endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners,
in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation In 10:27

L. Alleluia, alleluia!

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

L. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49–53

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,

and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,

three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

SIT

♦ **HOMILY**



C. I believe in One God,
All: the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I 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 was born of the Virgin Mary *(here genuflect or bow)*
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

C. We express our faith in Christ by persevering in prayer for the needs of those around us. So, let us bring our prayers into His presence.

1. For the Church: May our leaders be faithful to the justice and peace teachings of Jesus, offering hope and blessing to everyone. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For leaders of nations: That they will work together to end violence and bring life, peace, and real security to our world. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For the sick, for the lonely, and the depressed: May they be touched by God's healing power and renewed in their hope. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For ourselves: For a fresh openness to the Holy Spirit, Who calls us from fear and distrust of one another to the beauty and freedom of relationship in Christ. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For those who have gone before us in death: That they might enjoy the eternal vision of the Lord. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our own intentions [long pause for silent prayer]
We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

C. We thank You, Lord, that You hear not just our words but the cries of our hearts. We leave our prayers with You, trusting in Your wise and loving response. We ask this in Jesus' name.

R/. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST

Karen Lafferty



1. Seek ye ___ first the king - dom of God and his
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and
3. You do not live by bread ___ a - lone, but by



1. righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
2. ye shall ___ find; Knock, and it shall be ___
3. ev - 'ry ___ word That pro - ceeds from the



1. add - ed un - to you. }
2. o - pened un - to you. } Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
3. mouth ___ of ___ God. }

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.

Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.
Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice
which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity,
which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection
and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.
May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R/. **May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

C. Let us pray.

Lord, be merciful to Your people
and be pleased by this offering so that supported by Your grace,
we may attain eternal salvation.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

PRÉFACE OF SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

You gave Your Son power to heal and perform signs and miracles
to reveal Your glory.

Recognizing Jesus as the Lord of all creation,
may we rejoice in Him as we obey His Word.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,
with all the saints and the entire church,
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly:

**R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.
There He dwelt and was made flesh.
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.
WHENEVER YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

**All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.**

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.
So may we praise and glorify You
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

With hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You live for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

C. Let us pray together:

KNEEL

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit
Your death brought life to the world.
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

KNEEL or SIT

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

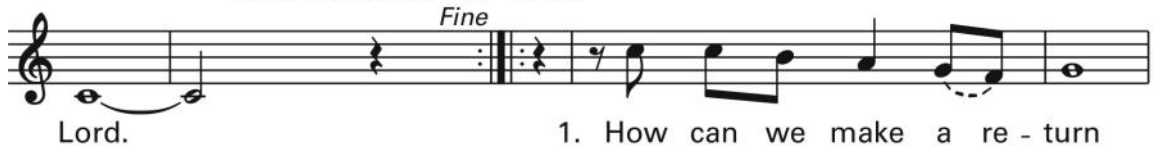
COMMUNION HYMN

OUR BLESSING CUP

Bob Hurd



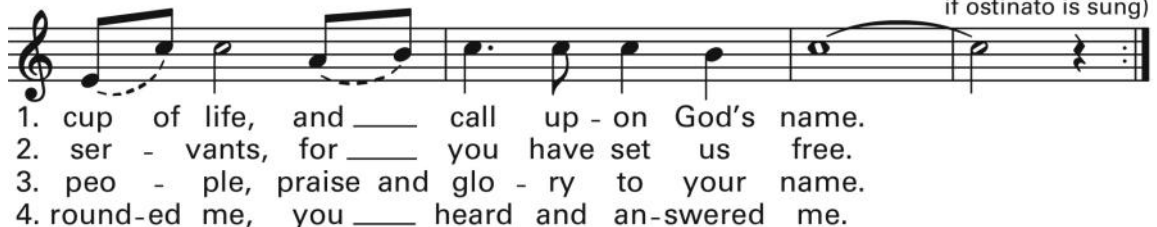
Repeat first time only
(or ostinato as desired) Verses



1. How can we make a re - turn
2. Pre-cious in - deed in your sight,
3. Gra-cious and mer - ci-ful God,
4. For you have heard my __ voice,



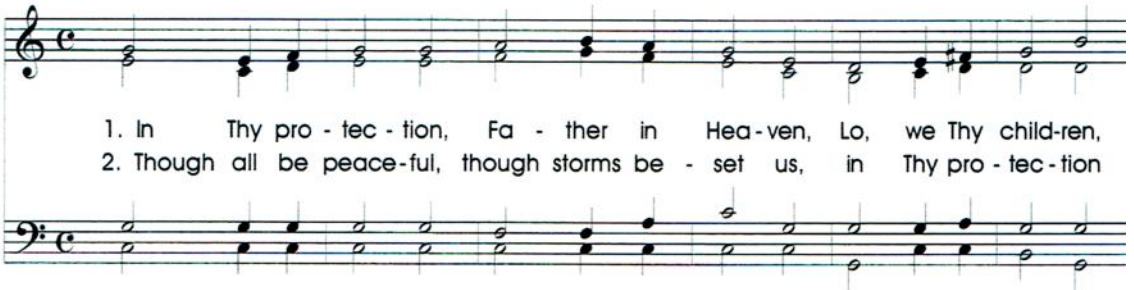
to Refrain (or Verse
if ostinato is sung)



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POST COMMUNION HYMN

In Thy Protection



1. In Thy pro - tec - tion, Fa - ther in Hea - ven, Lo, we Thy child-ren,
2. Though all be peace-ful, though storms be - set us, in Thy pro - tec - tion



place our life, our all. Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temp - ta - tion
we shall find our rest. Fa - ther, we pray Thee, hum-bly we be - seech Thee



keep us from dan - ger, lest in sin we fall.
de - liv - er us, the child-ren Thou hast blessed.

COMMUNION VERSE

C. By the Lord's word the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. (Ps 33:6)

A time of quiet reflection

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. Let us pray.

Father in heaven,
may we, who have shared in the Sacrament of the Altar,
be worthy of Your love and mercy.
May the sharing of this Eucharist unite us with You and each other
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. May Almighty God bless you,
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.




RECESSIONAL HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS


CRUCIFER

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore

Verses



his sa - cred name. 1. Led on their way by this tri - um-phunt
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci -
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev - er

to Refrain



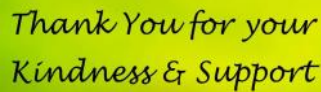
1. sign, The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
2. fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. tree, As thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
4. be: Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: 10 10 with refrain; 1 Corinthians 1:18; George Kitchin, 1827-1912;
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Announcements

*Requests must be received by noon Wednesday.
Please contact Justine Fazziola bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com*

- Please observe some **quiet time before Mass** to prepare yourself for worship: **meeting God in His Word, Confession and Holy Communion.**
- We thank Fr. James Konicki for celebrating Holy Mass for us today.
- **Our Lutnia Choir is on summer recess** and will resume music ministry on Sunday September 7th. During this time, we encourage all parishioners to lift their voices in song – let us fill our church with strong and joyful praise to our Lord!
- **Next Sunday, August 24th**, we will resume regular Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule.
- **Queen of Hearts Raffle: 12 cards left!** Jackpot starts at **\$1,047**. Tickets are available on Sunday during Coffee Hour.!
- **‘Thank you’ for your continuing support of our parish.** You can always donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <https://www.bvmc.org/giving> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski bvmc.church@gmail.com. May God bless you abundantly!



*Thank You for your
Kindness & Support*



Happening at BVMC



Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, August 24

9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream)

Altar Servers: Everett, Parker

Lector: Mary Ellen

Greeter: Stephanie

Trustees: Mark, Jeff



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1 - Labor Day

September 13 - Fall Food Sale



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