

Worship | Study | Friendship | Compassion May 11, 2025—10:00AM

Whether you are watching us online or with us in person, we are glad that you have joined us today. We invite you to interact with us. If you are watching online, please fill out an online Connection Card by clicking the link in the comments. If you are in person, you can find a Connection Card in the church pews.

"A Future with Hope" Commitment Sunday

Today, May 11th

Pledge cards are due today. If you did not get a pledge card in the mail, stop by Gosnell Hall to pick one up or submit it online at www.tom1604.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

Episcopal visitation by The Rt. Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas

Sunday, May 18th

9:00am - Bishop Forum in the Parish Hall 10:00am - Confirmation Sunday Reception following service in the Parish Hall.

Canned Food Drive for West Avenue Compassion

May 4th - May 25th

St. Thomas is collecting canned goods for West Avenue Compassion. We are asking for donations of non-expired canned food (preferably canned vegetables). Please no dry food. West Avenue Compassion is a Nonprofit San Antonio Food Bank distribution site. Donations can be dropped off in Gosnell Hall.

Memorial Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 25th 9:00am in the Parish Hall Let us gather to remember and honor those who have died in service to our country.

Scan the QR code to register for all the following events!



Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 25th at 10:00am

Join us in celebrating our 2025 graduating seniors. We will honor our graduates during the 10:00am service and hear a sermon from one of our graduating seniors. Let us know you have a graduating senior by scanning the QR code.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 16th – Friday, June 20th 9:00am - 12:00pm daily Ages 3 - 5th Grade Cost: \$30.00

Register to participate or volunteer by scanning the QR code.

Participants must register by June 1st to be guaranteed a VBS t-shirt.

Summer Music Camp

Monday, June 23rd — Thursday, June 26th 9:00am - 12:00pm daily Kinder - 6th Grade Cost: \$25.00

Register to participate by scanning the QR code. Registration for Kinder, 1st grade, and 2nd grade is closed. Please call the church office to be put on our waitlist.



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 • 10:00 AM

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red) referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Jeff & Lisa Nelson's Anniversary.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE VOLUNTARY • Prelude on St. Columba

Healey Willan

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

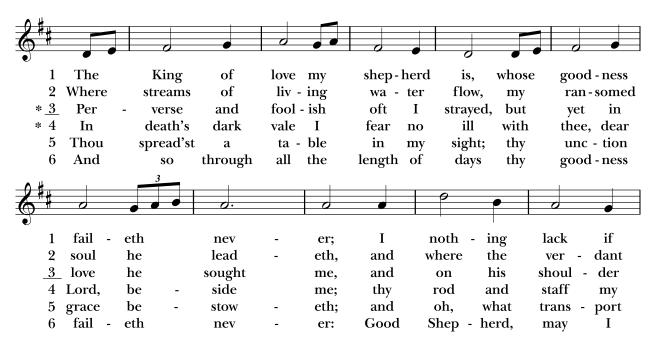
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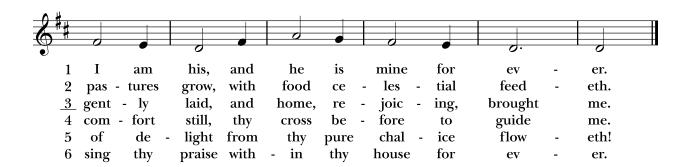
Michael R. Nichols

Come, let us gather now to sing Praise and thanksgiving to our King. God's love shows in ev'rything.

THE HYMN • 645

St. Columba





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF **C**OMMON **P**RAYER 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

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 BCP 356

The ordinary of the mass employs texts that remain the same for every mass. In the Latin mass the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Benedictus, and the Agnus dei are the five parts of the mass that remain the same every week.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE WORD OF GOD

The proper of the mass are the scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The collect, lessons, psalm, Gospel and preface to the communion liturgy are propers. Our lessons come from a prescribed cycle of readings called the lectionary. The lectionary consists of a three year cycle: Year. Each year we retell the story from Advent through Pentecost.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

A Child's Prayer

PJ Waite and Laurel Luke Christensen

Creator God, please hear my prayer, And keep me in Your tender care. Please be my guide in all I do. I want to live my life for You.

Thank You for my family, For all who share in helping me. Mother, Father, friends who care, Your servants here and ev'rywhere.

> Mother, Father, teacher, too, Bless them all in what they do. May I learn from them Your ways, To keep me faithful all my days.

I want to live my life for You.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

We invite your child to join our Children's Church program this morning! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to come up for the children's sermon and then follow our Children's Church Leader, to a classroom down the hallway in our education wing. After the exchange of the peace, children are ushered back to their seats.

THE FIRST READING Acts 9:36-43

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalms are sung prayers that cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The psalm is a response to hearing the Old Testament lesson and usually it relates to the themes heard in the lesson.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
 - I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE EPISTLE Revelation 7:9-17

This reading from the New Testament is typically from a letter (epistle) from Paul to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

- ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
 - ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
 - ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
 - ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide t hem to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

THE HYMN • 708

Sicilian Mariners



Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the summit of the Liturgy of the Word and means "good news" and specifically the good news of Jesus. We stand for the Gospel reading to show respect for the particular importance of Jesus' words and actions.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²²At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Mike Michie

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means I believe. First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for David and Angela, our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Leader and People

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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

All are invited to make a gift to support St. Thomas' ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM • The 23rd Psalm (Dedicated to Mothers)

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepard, I have all I need,

She makes me lie down in green meadows,

Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,

She leads me in a path of good things,

And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,

There is nothing that can shake me,

She has said She won't forsake me,

I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,

She anoints my head with oil,

And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me, All the days of my life,

And I will live in her house,

Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to the Creator, Redeemer,

And to the Sustainer,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World, without end. Amen

THE DOXOLOGY Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

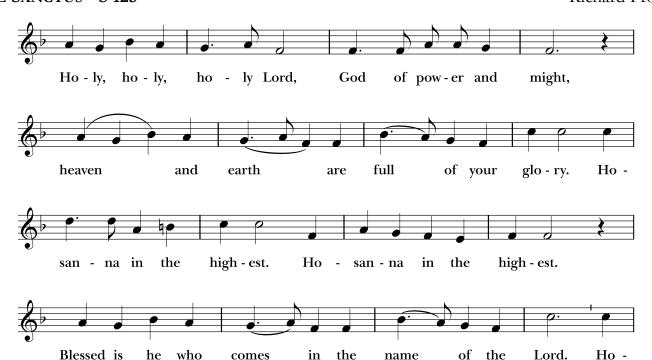
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. (*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*) 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 • S 125

Richard Proulx





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

The presider breaks the bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

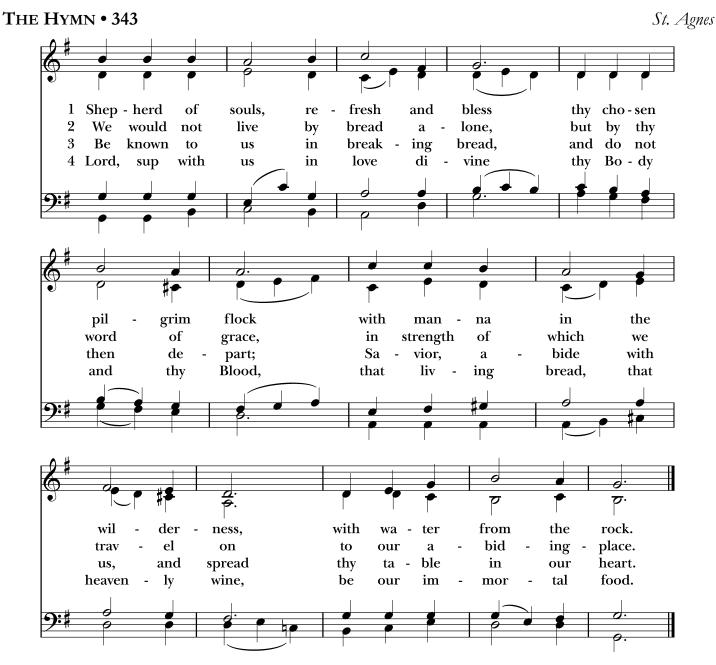
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion. Gluten —free wafers are available. Inform the priest when they come to you.

Individual prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel of the Cross. We encourage you to visit them after receiving communion.



THE HYMN • 664 Resignation



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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 SENDING OUT

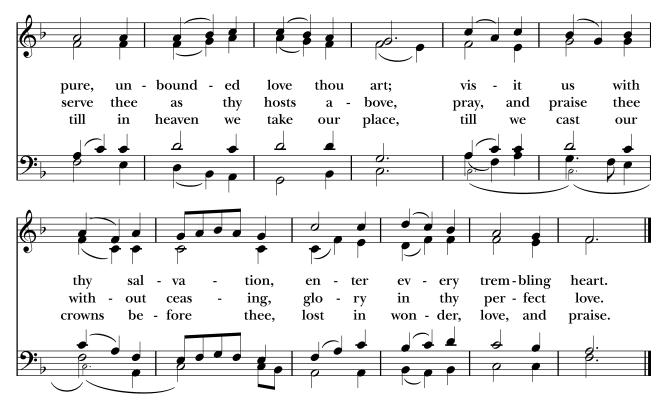
We send you out to share the communion today.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY • Prelude on Hyfrydol

Healey Willan

Discipleship Hour - Sundays at 9:00am Returns in September!



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Prayer Requests

Submit a prayer request by filling out a prayer card located in the pew or by contacting the church office.

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St. Thomas Healing Ministry

The St. Thomas Healing Ministry offers prayers in the Chapel of the Cross (located to the left of the altar) on Sundays at 8:00am and 10:00am. If you are interested in joining the group, learning about healing, or in need of concentrated prayers contact the church office or fill out a connection card.

Wear a Name Tag!

Do you have a St. Thomas nametag? We encourage you to wear one on Sunday. Don't have a nametag? Visit Membership & Growth Coordinator, Sarah Anderson at the Welcome Table in Gosnell Hall and we'll make you one. All name tags will be ready in 2-3 weeks from sign up date. Please look at our name tag display in Gosnell Hall for pick-up on Sunday.

Week at a Glance

Morning Prayer on YouTube ~ Mondays - Saturdays
Men's Bible Study ~ Tuesdays, 7:00am, Woehler Family Center
Bell Choir Rehearsal~ Tuesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm, in the Choir Room
GriefShare ~ Wednesdays, 10:00am, in the Parlor
Eucharist Rite II ~ Wednesdays, 12:00pm, Chapel of the Cross
Children's Music Program & Choir ~ Wednesdays, 4:30pm-6:00pm, in the Choir Room
Choir Rehearsal ~ Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm, in the Choir Room
Bible Study with Fr. Mike ~ Thursdays, 9:30am, Zoom
Ice Cream on Sundays ~ before or after church in the courtyard
Contact the Church Office for Zoom link.

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