Lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Schedule for May - August 2025

Here is the ministry schedule for the upcoming months for the Mass in English. Please add the dates for which you're scheduled to your personal calendar now so you can avoid surprises later! If you have a conflict for any of your scheduled dates please arrange for a substitute.

We are approaching some uncharted territory. With Fr. David moving on to a parish of his own in July, our Mass times are almost certain to change. That's not everyone's favorite thing to do, but we can handle it. The time that a Mass is offered doesn't change my faith in God, nor damage my relationship with Christ, nor lessen my trust in the Holy Spirit. God will walk faithfully with us, even when we experience changes to our public worship pattern.

LECTORS:

Moving the Lectionary. Thank you for moving the Lectionary to the shelf on the ambo after the first reading. We're still not very consistent at this, so remind yourself before you walk up to read. Don't forget to make sure the ribbon is in place before closing the book, of course. The cantors appreciate your courtesy.

Intercessions. There seems to be a misunderstanding among some of us in regard to being at the ambo at the appropriate time to begin the intercessions. The goal is that 1.) the reader of the first reading should make their way up to the ambo during the last part of the Creed ("...one holy catholic Church..."). That puts you standing at the ambo—not down on the main floor—and ready to step up to the microphone as soon as the Creed is concluded. 2.) At that point, you should step up and open the binder containing the intercessions during Father's introduction instead of waiting to move to the microphone until after he finishes. 3.) Ideally, there is only a single breath's pause between the priest's introduction to these prayers and you speaking the first one. Thank you for reading through the intercessions before Mass starts to make sure there aren't any tongue twisters or pronunciation problems!

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

After Mass: Please check after Mass to return the vessels to the sacristy and to see that they have been properly purified/cleaned. If the priest is Fr. Ron or Fr. David, they will usually have been cleaned. If we have a guest priest, they might not be!

For special days when we will be distributing Holy Communion under both forms, the priest will distribute the precious Body and the two lay assistants (you) will each distribute the precious Blood.

When we distribute Holy Communion under both forms, please remember to wait and offer the Precious Blood to the musicians as well as the Body. Of course, the cantor and instrumentalists may not be ready right away, so unless you see someone else bring them Communion, please wait for the musicians to break away from the music and receive Communion from you.

Also—when we distribute Holy Communion under both forms—if there is any of the Precious Blood remaining in your chalice (after the musicians receive) you are *not* supposed to finish consuming the remaining Eucharist yourself. Return it to the altar and wait for the priest, who might choose to offer it to you. The general idea is that Holy Communion should be offered to us, not "taken".

Thank you for your faithful service! God has blessed you—

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- ★ indicates a holiday weekend
- indicates special instructions
- ► Lectors, on days where there is an option for a longer and shorter version of the same reading, always prepare the long one. It's easier to adapt to switching to the shorter option than the other way around.

Lectionary: Year C

May 4 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

<u>Lectors</u>: 1. Judy Kurylowicz 2. Annie Daniels

SMHC: Thale Varana

May 11 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Lectors: 1. Barb Alkema

2. Kim Robach

SMHC: Ruth Liszewski

May 18 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Lectors: 1. Mercedes Toohey

2. Coreen Jakosh

SMHC: Kathleen Cannady

★ May 25 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Lectors: 1. Ruth Liszewski

2. Dan Grady

SMHC: Barb Alkema

June 1 (Ascension of the Lord)

- ► The second reading will be the option from Hebrews (p. 186), not from Ephesians.
- ► Holy Communion will be distributed to the people under both forms!

Lectors: 1. Tim Ketchapaw

2. Barb Koning

SMHC: • Luann Nobel

• Mercedes Toohey

June 8 (Pentecost)

- ► The second reading will be the option from Romans (p. 201), not from 1 Corinthians.
- ► The Sequence will be sung. Still, take a look at the text as a prayer for your preparation.
- ► Holy Communion will be distributed to the people under both forms!

Lectors: 1. Annie Daniels

2. Marianne Busch

SMHC: • Dee Malski

• Kim Robach

June 15 (The Holy Trinity)

► Holy Communion will be distributed to the people under both forms!

Lectors: 1. Kim Robach

2. Barb Alkema

SMHC: • Marianne Busch

• Matt Fenske

June 22 (The Body and Blood of Christ)

► Holy Communion will be distributed to the people under both forms!

Lectors: 1. Coreen Jakosh

2. Mercedes Toohey

SMHC: • Tim Ketchapaw

• Sue Krestakos

June 29 (Ss. Peter and Paul)

- ► We will use the readings for the Day starting on p. 214.
- ► Holy Communion will be distributed to the people under both forms!

Lectors: 1. Dan Grady

2. Ruth Liszewski

SMHC: • Thale Varana

• Kathleen Cannady

★ July 6 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Barb Koning

2. Tim Ketchapaw

SMHC: Ruth Liszewski

July 13 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Marianne Busch

2. Annie Daniels

SMHC: Barb Alkema

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July 20 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Barb Alkema 2. Kim Robach

SMHC: Luann Nobel

July 27 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Mercedes Toohey

2. Coreen Jakosh

SMHC: Mercedes Toohey

August 3 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Ruth Liszewski

2. Dan Grady **SMHC:** Dee Malski

August 10 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Tim Ketchapaw

2. Marianne Busch **SMHC**: Kim Robach

Friday, August 15 (Assumption of Mary)

► We will have more information about this Mass once we get into July.

August 17 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Annie Daniels

2. Barb Koning

SMHC: Marianne Busch

August 24 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectors: 1. Barb Alkema 2. Mercedes Toohey

SMHC: Matt Fenske

★ August 31 (22nd Sunday in Ord. Time)

Lectors: 1. Kim Robach

2. Coreen Jakosh **SMHC**: Tim Ketchapaw