



Daily Mass Survey Q&A

Why are both locations seen as options when most of us prefer to go to our “home parish?”

We understand that it will take time to feel “at home” at both of the churches in our Parish Family. As a Parish Family now, and as one canonical parish in the future, both church campuses are part of the same community. One of the blessings of our Parish Family is that our churches are only 3.2 miles apart (less than a 10-minute drive). We’re all encouraged to attend liturgies and social gatherings at both of our parishes, and to be open to getting to know one another. This will be critical for the Partners in the Gospel process of discerning how we will become one parish.

Why can’t we have Masses at the same or a similar time at both locations?

There are both practical and communal reasons for this, which are also identified in the principles for establishing this schedule. Practically, it is difficult to find substitute priests. Therefore, there are times when one of our priests will need to cover all the Masses on a day or over several days (e.g., when one priest is on vacation or is sick). Communally, one of the principal objectives with Partners in the Gospel is to work towards becoming one canonical parish. It’s vital that we worship together during and after this process. Celebrating Mass simultaneously in separate churches that are a few miles apart would be a countersign to the unity we are working towards. Finally, offering Mass at different times provides opportunities for more parishioners to attend.

Why can’t we have a Tuesday morning Mass?

This change on Tuesdays, from morning to evening, was based on two principles for establishing the Daily Mass Schedule. One is the spacing of Masses around the priest’s day of rest (day off). Priests in the Archdiocese of Seattle receive one day of rest each week, which is often either Monday or Tuesday. Having a Tuesday evening Mass—rather than in the morning—allows an extra buffer of time for the priest whose day off is on Monday. We realize this is a big change, but it’s also an important one regarding priests’ overall health and energy. Furthermore, this also aligns with the principle of having an additional evening option in the Parish Family. Finally, we’re also encouraged to think of ourselves as part of a greater Church in the North Seattle / Shoreline area. There are several nearby options for Tuesday morning Mass, including: St. Joseph’s Carmelite Monastery, St. Matthew, St. Catherine, St. Alphonsus, and Blessed Sacrament.

Does this schedule work for the priests?

Yes, this schedule works for the priests of our Parish Family.

What about the Sunday schedule?

There are no changes to the Sunday Mass Schedule at this time. The discernment of the Sunday Mass Schedule will be an important part of the Partners in the Gospel process. This is likely to take place in the first half of 2026, and will include opportunities for all parishioners to provide input before any decisions are made.

How does this affect School Masses for Christ the King and St. Luke?

Both of our parish schools were involved in discerning this schedule. The Christ the King School Masses will be changed to begin five minutes later, on Fridays at 8:45am. The St. Luke School Masses will remain on Wednesdays at 8:45am. What has changed for St. Luke is that the periodic All-School Masses will also begin at 8:45am instead of at 9:30am.

How will this schedule affect other events like funerals, weddings, or quinceañeras?

With a Friday 12:00 noon Mass at St. Luke, funerals on that day would need to begin at 10:00am, instead of 11:00am. On other weekdays, availability for funerals will not be affected. Likewise, scheduling of weddings and quinceañeras will not be affected.

How does this affect Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesday evening and Thursday morning at Christ the King, first Friday at St. Luke)?

The Wednesday evening Adoration at Christ the King has been changed to begin at the end of the 7:00pm Mass, and continues to 8:30pm (or after all Confessions have been heard).

The Thursday morning Adoration at Christ the King has not been changed. It begins at the conclusion of the 8:45am Mass, and continues to 12:00 noon.

The First Friday Adoration at St. Luke has been changed to begin a bit earlier—at 8:45am—and continues to 8:00pm. Also, Adoration is paused during the celebration of the 12:00 noon Mass (approximately 11:45am to 12:30pm).

Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful prayer practice that has developed within our Church's Tradition, and is a direct outgrowth of our faith in the True Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Consecrated Hosts are reserved in the church's tabernacle, which is why we have great reverence for the Lord's Presence in our sanctuary. Another way of reverencing the Lord's Presence is to expose the Eucharist in a golden vessel called a monstrance, which is solemnly placed on the altar for a time of prayer called Eucharistic Adoration. Many people have come to find this personal, silent time of praying with Jesus to be quite powerful, strengthening, and healing. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the highest form of worship called adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it" (#1378).

We realize that the pausing of Adoration during Friday Mass at St. Luke is a change for those whose practice has been to come pray during that time. However, Eucharistic Adoration is rooted in the Mass, therefore, the higher priority is to establish the Mass time that works for the Parish Family, and then allow Adoration to flow out of that. We thank you for your understanding, and encourage all to consider coming to Adoration at the variety of times offered in our Parish Family!