

PROTO-CATHEDRAL NEW MASS TIMES

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



After consultation with many people and groups, the Archdiocese has given approval for the Sunday Mass times at the Proto-Cathedral to be changed. Starting September 7, 2025, the Mass times on Sunday will be 8:00 and 10:30 am. The 8:00 am Mass will not have any music like the 7:30 Mass is now. The 10:30 am Mass will have music like the 11:00 Mass has now. One of the reasons for the change is that the 3 English Masses on Sunday are typically between 25% - 35% capacity of the church. Reducing to 2 Masses should increase the capacity. A second reason is that 3 Masses back-to-back is difficult on the priest. Celebrating 2 Masses will help ease the stress on the priest. A third reason is the priest shortage. The number of available priests continues to decrease. It is also getting more difficult to recruit priests from other countries. We should prepare for this to continue. A fourth reason is that having the Masses at 8:00 and 10:30 will allow more time for Children's Faith Formation classes between those Masses. Families won't feel rushed, and children will have extra time to learn those valuable lessons about our faith.