

# Sunday Morning – Schedule Options

## Three Service Schedule

7:45am	Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:00	Holy Eucharist – Rite II
10:10-11:05	Christian Formation / Sunday School (All ages)
11:15	Holy Eucharist – Rite I & II (Alternating)

## Two Service Schedule

8:00am	Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:00	Gleaners
9:15	Christian Formation / Sunday School (All ages)
10:30	Holy Eucharist – Rite II

# Three Service Schedule: 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15am

## Pros

- Allows for different types of worship
- More times for people to attend
- Church services before and after Sunday School
- Provides more opportunities for people to serve in church (music, ushers....)
- Familiarity (connection) with the people you regularly attend with
- Value in having different services (9am feels more family friendly while other services may feel more liturgical)
- Families may like 10:10 start to Sunday School
- A variety of times allows for choices to attend an earlier and still have time in your day
- Tradition

## Cons

- Clergy and congregation feel rushed at 9am
- Clergy not able to greet parishioners
- Three services require a lot more work: resources, volunteers, etc.
- Segregates the parish (generations) a bit
- Late service conflicts with other activities in the afternoon
- Lower attendance at a service is not desirable; visitors' perceptions may be skewed
- At 9am service readings and music are omitted
- Handbell Choir is missed at 9am
- Children and Youth Choirs are missed at 11:15am
- No opportunity for a coffee hour/fellowship

# Two Service Schedule - 8:00 and 10:30am

## Pros

- 10:30am service has better attendance (children)
- 10:30am more music & readings
- Having Sunday School at an earlier time allows for more people from the 8:00am service to attend
- Services don't feel rushed
- Consistency of use of Rite I – 8:00am & Rite II – 10:30am
- Easier to get ushers (volunteers) for two services
- Offers more opportunities for fellowship before and after the second service
- We are able to send out LEVs at both services (offers a witness opportunity)
- More time for Sunday School
- Larger choir at one service
- Offers the opportunity to hear a variety of choirs/music

## Cons

- Tradition (two services year round would be a break with tradition)
- No consistent option of Rite I with music
- May impact choir numbers (lower)
- Average Sunday attendance may be lower with only two services offered year round
- Reduces choices for worship times
- Reduces choices for types of worship
- Sunday School before the principal service (10:30am) may not appeal to everyone
- If we blend the 9 & 11:15am services we may lose characteristics of each service
- The 10:30am service will be a longer than the current 9:00am service (more music and readings)