

From Father Kirby...

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Happy Sunday, Team Grace! This Sunday, we re-enter Ordinary Time. After so many feast days, it's a great consolation to be back in the regular flow of the liturgical year. As you'll recall, Ordinary Time is an opportunity for us to re-hear the Gospel and re-commit ourselves to the Lord Jesus. Please use this Ordinary Time well!

Congratulations to all our fathers in the parish! This Sunday, we express our gratitude to God for the vocation of fatherhood, and for the men who have received this vocation in our families!
Happy Father's Day!

As previously announced, Pope Francis has named me one of his Missionaries of Mercy. There are only about 1,000 such Missionaries in the Church. Here's a website that can help explain things: missionariesofmercyusa.org. I'm happy to announce that the Bishop will be here for a small ceremony on June 29 at 7:00 PM. The ceremony will be live streamed on our Grace Lily page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChsKqxQV4-9BVgHa0O4KLTA>. Please plan to tune in!

In speaking of our Grace Lily page, I want to encourage parishioners to participate in our several different programs throughout the week. John Paul Boehling hosts *Thoughts on Theology* on Thursdays at 10 AM and 8:30 PM. Natalie Jackson hosts *Our Cloud of Witnesses* on Mondays at 7 PM. Our Bible study on Wednesdays at 7 PM will conclude this week (but will resume in September). All of these programs are being offered as a help to you to be involved and to learn about our amazing Faith!

Please also note my *Daily Briefing* at 4 PM, Mondays – Thursdays. This is a daily program to provide you with updates and explanations of what's happening here at the parish.

In some other areas of the parish:

Please note our new parish website: gracewepray.org. A lot of work has gone into building this website. The site itself is still being constructed, but the major pages are complete! The staff will be working on the website for the next couple of months.

Please note that there are extra copies of Teresa Tomeo's book, *Conquering Coronavirus*, in the narthex. The book provides a spiritual answer to our current state of affairs. The book is free. Please take as many additional copies as you'd like!

Later this week, I'll be on a *Zoom* meeting with Doctor Scott Hahn and the Advisory Board of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. As many of you know, I'm on the board representing "parish life." The original request for me to serve on the board was made by Dr. Hahn after he visited Our Lady of Grace and saw in us a model of what a parish is called to be!

More updates next weekend. Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!