

***From Father Kirby...***

**June 28, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! This Sunday, we continue our journey through Ordinary Time. You'll recall that this year we are walking through Matthew's Gospel. In our reading today, the Lord describes for us the demands of discipleship and what it means to follow him. In our lives, are we willing to die to ourselves so as to live the way of the Lord?

In some other areas of the parish:

As announced during my Daily Briefing, the parish is in the process of purchasing 2.5 acres of land along Highway 521. The land is highway front property to Catholic Land. The purchase of this property will give us more highway visibility in the future. With the endorsement of the Finance Council, the land is being purchased for \$120,000. A donor is covering the total cost of the land. No money is being taken from our regular offertory or from the capital campaign! Thank you to our donor!

As things move forward in our Business Office, Carola Baptiste continues to train Lisa Muccilli as our new Parish Bookkeeper. As the training wraps up, Carola will return to her much-earned retirement. Thank you, Carola! Welcome, Lisa!

This Monday, June 29, at 7:00 PM, the Bishop will be here to present me with the formal Decree of Pope Francis naming me a Missionary of Mercy. It's always a blessing to have the Bishop with us! While some parish leaders have been invited to attend the ceremony in person, *everyone* is invited to participate via live stream. Here's the link to [Grace Lily](#)! I hope everyone can be a part of the celebration!

On Tuesday, June 30, Father Gahan will be here for Confessions and daily Mass. I'll be away for the day at a meeting of the Bishop's Presbyteral Council.

This coming Saturday is Independence Day. Please note that in honor of the holiday, the church office and building will be closed on Friday (as usual) and on Monday, July 6.

Men of the parish, I'd like to make you aware of an on-line Men's Conference. I think you'll find the conference spiritually encouraging and motivating. The conference link is [here](#).

Please note that the *Daily Briefing* is 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.

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