

From Father Kirby...

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Happy Sunday, Team Grace! This week, we continue our journey through Ordinary Time. This year, Mother Church has us reading from Saint Matthew's Gospel. Today, the Lord tells us about the humble offering of five loaves and two fish. In our current state of affairs, we can oftentimes feel like we have nothing to offer or very little to contribute. And yet, small things that are given with great love can be multiplied by the Lord. Today, the Lord Jesus fed over 5,000 people with a meager offering. Imagine what he could do if each of us were to give a simple offering! What small offering is the Lord asking from you? What service can you give to the Lord this week?

As a parish family, we continue to pray the *Act of Hope* after every Mass. I encourage every family in the parish to incorporate this prayer in their devotions together. Our society is currently struggling with hope. As Christians, we have the answer. Our hope is in God. This hope motivates us and helps us to break from any darkness and to be true instruments of goodness and light. And so, let's pray! And let's share our hope with others!

Some things happening around the parish:

This past week, the Finance Council met to review our end-of-the-year report and to endorse our new budget. All went well, and as we enter our new fiscal year, you'll notice the new budgetary numbers on our weekly financial report. As we've done every year, our bi-annual report will be given in September. The report will be linked to one of our weekly electronic newsletters.

As we mention our fiscal affairs, I ask that every family in the parish please be as generous as you're able with your tithe. I know that things are hard or uncertain right now, and so I'm grateful for whatever can be given!

Additionally, I want to mention to the parish family that Lisa Muccilli, our new Parish Bookkeeper, has given us notice. As with many of our young families, the school situation in North Carolina is causing concerns, and so Lisa needs to be home with her children starting in late August. As such, we are again accepting applications for the position. The position is part-time and requires someone skilled in basic bookkeeping. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please reach out to Ryan Kubic: rkubic@charlestandiocese.org.

As a reminder, starting Monday, August 10, the Parish Office will close at 2:30 PM. Our new hours will be Monday – Thursday, 10 AM – 2:30 PM. As of August 12, Wednesday Adoration will conclude at 2:30 PM with Benediction.

Team Grace, I pray that the Lord is blessing each of you with an abundance of hope and purpose. In many respects, we are living in a Christian moment. Now, more than in recent times, people will show an openness to the Gospel message. I ask that each of you dive more deeply into the riches of our faith and that you generously share this message with those around you. This is our moment. Use it well!

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