

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

**July 5, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! This Sunday, the Church throughout the world continues her journey through Ordinary Time. This time in the liturgical year is an opportunity for us to once again hear the Gospel and re-accept its demands in our hearts!

This weekend as Americans, we celebrate our Independence Day! We recall the wonderful work of Divine Providence in the foundation of our country and ask God's continued blessings upon our nation!

Please note that our Parish Office and Building will be closed on Monday, July 6, in honor of the holiday. There will be no public Mass.

Some things happening around the parish:

This past Monday, we had a beautiful and inspiring Decree Ceremony with our Bishop. During the ceremony, the Bishop presented me with the decree from Pope Francis, which formally named me one of the Holy Father's Missionaries of Mercy. As I indicated in my closing comments of the ceremony, I pray that our entire parish takes on this mandate of mercy. I pray that we can all find creative ways in which our parish can become a true field hospital of mercy right here in our own backyard. Please email me any thoughts that you might have for this mission!

With my appointment as a Missionary of Mercy, I am called to make the sacrament of Reconciliation as available as possible. I'm asking for any feedback or ideas you might have on how or when we can do this. As one immediate step, I'm extending our daily Confessions. They will now be from 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM, Monday – Thursday. As I receive more ideas and suggestions, I'll be adding some additional Confession times. Please send along any thoughts! I'm open to anything!

Carola Baptiste has concluded her time as our Parish Bookkeeper. I'm grateful for her service to our community this past year! Lisa Muccilli is now our new Parish Bookkeeper. Please direct any financial or budgetary questions to her: [lmuccilli@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:lmuccilli@charlestdiocese.org).

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)!