

From Father Kirby...

August 16, 2020

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! During this Ordinary Time in the Church's year, the Lord Jesus calls out to each of us. He invites us to recommit ourselves to him and his most excellent way of love. Today, in our Gospel Reading, the Lord challenges and purifies the faith of a woman begging for a miracle. In our own spiritual lives, the Lord Jesus does the same. He will not allow himself to be used. He will provoke and refine our love and call us to true faith. Will we respond?

Some things happening around the parish:

As things turn out, I will be undergoing some outpatient surgery later this month. It is nothing to worry about. It involves a small hernia along my stomach lining. It's not serious, but things are made complicated with the pandemic. Before surgery, I'll need to self-quarantine and, after the surgery, I'll need some time to recover.

Regrettably, our usual priest coverage is not available. As such, we have to make the following arrangements: *We will not have Confessions or daily Mass on Wednesday-Thursday, August 26-27. We will not have Confessions and Masses on Saturday evening, August 29.* We will have our usual Masses on Sunday, August 30. I'll just be moving a little slower! I ask for your prayers and understanding. My apologies for any hassle this might cause for any of our parishioners. Incidentally, this a true #5Loaves #2Fish moment for me.

On August 26 and 27, we will still have our daily Rosary and daily devotionals.

Please note that Natalie Jackson has begun her remote hours. She is now only in the office on Tuesdays. Natalie is still readily available by email throughout the week.

With Natalie moving to remote status, Ryan Kubic will serve as our Interim Safe Environment Coordinator.

Please be sure to only use the "charlestdiocese.org" email addresses when communicating with myself or members of the staff. The older "graceweppray.org" email addresses have been discontinued for some time. We don't want to miss any of your emails! Thank you!

Please note that starting August 24, our Men's Prayer Group will begin to meet on site every Monday evening from 6:45 – 8:00 PM. All men of the parish are welcome!

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