From Father Kirby…   **August 23, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, in our Gospel Reading, the Lord Jesus asks his apostles the challenging question: "Who do you say that I am?" It is a question that is also posed to each of us: Who do we say the Lord is? What does our way of life say? In this Ordinary Time, let's acknowledge and affirm that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

Some things happening around the parish:

As things turn out, my outpatient surgery has been rescheduled. While this is frustrating, I look forward to the surgery being done and completed.

With the new date, we can now have Mass on Wednesday-Thursday, August 26 and 27, as well as on Saturday, August 29. Please disregard my previous announcements about the Masses on these days. All Masses will be celebrated on these days as normally scheduled.

While the above Masses will now be celebrated, we will need to cancel other Masses because of the new surgery date. And so, Mass on Wednesday-Thursday, September 2-3 are cancelled. The Rosary will still be prayed on these days. We will still also have Adoration on September 2 and the Saint Peregrine Novena on September 3.

With the rescheduling of Masses, however, a guest priest is now available to cover Confessions and evening Masses on Saturday (September 5). And so, no weekend Mass will now be affected by my surgery. Thank you, Father Gahan! As the saying goes: When all else fails, call in the Marines!

I'll be back for Masses on Sunday morning, September 6.

My apologies for any hassle the above changes and rescheduling might cause for anyone.

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!

I'm happy to announce that the homilies I gave for this past Easter Season during the shutdown have been rewritten as meditations on peace and are being published by Our Sunday Visitor under the title, *Living in Peace.* [Pre-orders](#) are available for anyone who's interested.

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