

From Father Kirby...

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Happy Sunday, Team Grace! As we continue our walk through Ordinary Time, we hear the Lord call out to us today: Will you take up your Cross? Will you follow me?

Some things happening around the parish:

Later this week, I'll be undergoing my outpatient surgery. The surgery is more a hassle than a worry, but I still ask for your prayers and spiritual solidarity.

As a reminder, Confessions and the daily Masses this Wednesday and Thursday (September 2-3) are cancelled due to my surgery. We will still have the Rosary on those days, as well as Adoration on Wednesday (12:30 - 2:30) and the Saint Peregrine Novena on Thursday (12:30 PM).

I'm grateful to Father Tim Gahan for covering Confessions and the evening Masses on Saturday (September 5). Thank you, Father Gahan!

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

As previously announced in my *Daily Briefings*, we were able to recently give large charitable grants from our Charitable Fund to HOPE in Lancaster, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Monroe (which suffered a recent fire), the Missionaries of the Poor, and assistance with local adoption efforts. As a reminder, our Charitable Fund consists of restricted donations and can only be used for charitable purposes. Thank you for your generosity! We're happy to support our neighbors in their need!

I'm happy to announce that Sally Santimaw has been hired as our new Parish Bookkeeper. Sally will train with Lisa Muccilli for the next week, and then take charge of our Business Office. Welcome, Sally! Thank you, Lisa!

As previously announced, our Children's Faith Formation program will be home-based this year. Starting Wednesday, September 9, parents will receive an email with an outline for the week's religious instruction. If any young family has not recently received an email from Natalie Jackson, please reach out to Natalie and register for our program: njackson@charlestdiocese.org.

Please note that our Men's Prayer Group has begun 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)!