

From Father Kirby...

September 13, 2020

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, Saint Matthew recounts the challenging teachings of the Lord Jesus on our call to forgive and show mercy. Are we trying to live this call in our lives today?

Some things happening around the parish:

This past week, the Bishop announced that Father Javier Heredia has been cleared of all charges relating to allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor. The allegations were made two years ago. The local authorities investigated the allegations and have now cleared him of any and all charges. The Bishop's own Review Board evaluated the allegations and concur with the civil authorities. Father Javier will be returning to priestly ministry soon.

Our weekend cleaning crews are in regular need of additional volunteers. Please consider being a part of one of our cleaning crews after the weekend Mass of your choice.

Please note that our [annual financial report](#) is provided in this week's newsletter. Please direct any questions to our Parish Bookkeeper, Sally Santimaw: ssantimaw@charlestdiocese.org.

My recovery from surgery continues to go well. I'm grateful for the many emails, cards, and letters that have been sent to me. Thank you, Team Grace!

This coming week was supposed to be the annual Priest Retreat with the Bishop. Due to the pandemic, however, the Bishop has cancelled the formal retreat this year. In response, he has invited priests to make a personal retreat or to take some time away from parish duties. Normally, as many of you know, I would stay put and keep working. This year, my body and soul are telling me something differently. As such, I'm going to take this opportunity and go on a personal retreat in the coming week. Please remember me in your prayers.

Because of my retreat, we will not have Confessions or Mass at the parish Monday – Thursday. All other events – the Rosary, our weekly devotions, Adoration, Wednesday's Bible Study, and the Daily Briefings, etc. - will still take place. Please reference the [parish calendar](#) for any guidance.

As a reminder, please be sure to only use the “charlestandiocese” email addresses for communication with the staff. All other email addresses have been discontinued. We don’t want to miss any of your correspondences. Please be sure to use “charlestandiocese.”

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