

*From Father Kirby...*

**September 27, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

In our Gospel Reading today, Saint Matthew reminds us of the Lord Jesus' condemnation of lip service. The Lord doesn't need our niceties, he needs our fidelity. If we say that we will follow him, we must follow. Do we?

Today, we continue our walk through contemporary social issues. So far, we've covered *Human Dignity and Life Issues, Immigration and the Common Good*, and this Sunday we're addressing the *LGBTQ Movement and Complementarity*.

Some things happening around the parish:

We welcome Brice Griffin to the staff as our Facilitator of Children's Faith Formation. Brice is a homeschooling mom who brings a vast level of experience and insight to her new position. Every Wednesday, Brice will be sending out the week's catechetical lesson to our young families. Thank you, Brice! Welcome aboard!

In the narthex of our church, please note that we have large poster boards that list the major social issues and where each of our presidential candidates stand on them. This [Voter's Guide](#) is provided by the South Carolina Catholic Conference with the approval of Bishop Guglielmone. I pray it is helpful to you, as we all prepare for Election Day.

Our Wednesday Bible Study continues. This past Wednesday, we spoke about [Adam and Eve in Genesis 2-3](#). This coming Wednesday, we'll discuss Cain and Abel in Genesis 4. All are invited to tune in via Grace Lily.

This coming Saturday, October 3, is the beginning of our October Healing Masses. As a help to receive God's grace and strength, every Saturday of October we will have a Healing Mass at 11:00 AM with the Anointing of the Sick. All in need of the sacrament are welcome! Additional safety and sanitary precautions will be in place.

This coming Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 PM, we'll have our annual Blessing of Pets under the pavilion. All pets – big and small - are welcome! Additional spacing will be observed.

As a reminder, please review our [Security/Safety Protocols for Parishioners](#) and [Church/Holy Communion Pandemic Protocols](#).

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