

From Father Kirby...

September 6, 2020

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, the Lord reminds us of our call to seek holiness in ourselves and others.

This weekend, our country celebrates Labor Day. This is time in which we honor the American worker, the backbone of our society. In particular, during this pandemic, we especially praise the members of our society's work force. They keep us going, and ensure that we have all the things we need to live and thrive. Thank you, and God bless the American worker!

On Monday, September 7, our church building and Parish Office will be closed in honor of the holiday. There will be no Confessions or public Mass. The Daily Briefing is cancelled. We will, however, still have our evening Holy Hour and Confessions at 7:00 PM.

Some things happening around the parish:

My outpatient surgery went smoothly, and I'm back at the parish. I'm grateful for my surgeon, Dr. Nowak, and her amazing team! My recovery is going well and I'm glad to be able to offer the two Sunday morning Masses this weekend.

I'm grateful to Father Gahan for hearing Confessions and offering the two evening Masses this Saturday (September 5).

This week marks the beginning of several new initiatives here at the parish. Please note:

This Tuesday, September 8, we will begin to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 12:45 PM – 2:15 PM. Please come by the parish and spend some time before the Lord.

This Wednesday, September 9, we will begin praying the Saint Dymphna Novena after every Wednesday Mass. After the Novena, Adoration will begin and continue until 2:15 PM.

Also, on Wednesday, our young families will begin to receive their weekly emails with catechesis and religious instruction for home use. Young families, you remain in our prayers! If any young families still need to register for our program, please reach out to Natalie Jackson: njackson@charlestdiocese.org.

Also, on Wednesday, we will begin our weekly Bible study again. The study will be from 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM. We will walk through the 14 narrative books of the Bible, starting with Genesis. Be sure to join us for a great night of Divine Wisdom!

Please also note that next Saturday, September 12, we will resume our quarterly Formation Days. This session will be livestreamed from 9:00 AM – Noon. We'll be talking about the identity and mission of the holy angels. If you miss the livestream, the talks will be available on our [Grace Lily](#) page at your convenience.

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.

Please note that the annual priest retreat this year is from September 14-17. I'll give more details next week.

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