

*From Father Kirby...*

**October 4, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

During this Ordinary Time, we're walking through Saint Matthew's Gospel. Written originally for Jewish Christians, the Gospel is meant to show the Lord Jesus as the new Moses and the new David. In his role as the new Moses, the Lord is the Teacher and the Law-Giver. For this reason, Saint Matthew emphasizes the Lord Jesus' discourses, lessons, and parables. Today, in our Gospel Reading, we hear another parable of the Lord.

Today's parable is a haunting one. It reminds us of the honor we owe the Son. In our lives, do we revere the Son - the heir of all things - or do we maneuver and work around him, subverting his mission, and seeking his death in our souls?

As a parish family, we continue to review contemporary social issues. So far, we've covered *Human Dignity and Life Issues*, *Immigration and the Common Good*, and the *LGBTQ Movement and Complementarity*. This Sunday, I'm going to pause our review of social issues in order to discuss Catholic identity in our world today. We will, however, resume our review of issues next Sunday, October 11, with *The Environment and Stewardship*.

Some things happening around the parish:

We welcome Anne Adams to the parish staff as our new Parish Secretary. Anne brings an extensive amount of administrative abilities with her to the position and will be a great asset to our mission. Welcome, Anne!

Our Wednesday Bible Study continues. This past Wednesday, we spoke about [Cain and Abel in Genesis 4](#). This coming Wednesday, we'll discuss the dark character of Lamech and the emergence of polygamy in Genesis 4. All are invited to tune in via Grace Lily.

This coming Saturday, October 10, we continue 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.

As a reminder, this afternoon 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)!