

From Father Kirby...

November 22, 2020

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Happy Feast of Christ the King!

This Sunday, we celebrate that Jesus Christ is the Lord of all hearts and of all nations. As his disciples, we hail and acclaim him as King. We once again recommit ourselves to spreading kingdom throughout the world. Come, Lord Jesus!

Some things happening around the parish:

As a reminder, our [two homilies on the end-of-life](#) are available on our Grace Lily page. If you missed them, or want to hear them again, or wish to forward them to loved ones, they're available at your convenience.

This weekend, my mom and some family members will be visiting the parish again. If you see extra cars and some movement around the rectory, it's just the Kirby Family!

This Monday at 1:00 PM, the parish Book Club will start a new book. The club will be walking through the spiritual masterpiece, *The Imitation of Christ*. As a reminder, anyone is able to participate in the Book Club by livestream or in-person. Please consider joining in the conversation on this amazing book!

As a reminder, our Wednesday Bible Study is now on hiatus until January 6. All [previous sessions](#) can be viewed on our Grace Lily page.

In the coming week, we prepare as a nation to celebrate our national Thanksgiving Day. I wish safe travels and a joyful celebration to every family in our parish!

In honor of the national holiday, our Parish Office and church building will close at 1:00 PM on Wednesday and will be closed all day on Thursday (November 25-26). Due to the early closure of our building, we will not have Adoration this Wednesday afternoon.

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to participate in-person or by livestream. As needed, Confessions will be a half-hour before Mass.

Next Sunday, November 29, is the beginning of Advent. Please prayerfully consider how you will observe this penitential season, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Please note that all parishioners will have an opportunity to make (or renew) their [Consecration to Jesus through Mary](#) on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8). If you'd like to make (or renew) that Consecration, please be sure to make some form of preparation over the next few weeks.

My new book, *Living in Peace*, will be released shortly. The publisher, *Our Sunday Visitor*, is now looking to release it for Advent. You might recall that the book is a modification of the homilies I gave during the lockdown this past Spring. If you're interested, you can order a copy of the book [here](#).

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