

From Father Kirby...

December 20, 2020

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church reminds us that the coming of the Lord is imminent. There is still time to prepare! What heart will you present to the Lord Jesus as he comes to us?

As a help to our preparation for the Lord, Confessions will be heard after every Mass this weekend. If you have not gone to Confession yet (or if you are in need of the sacrament again), please be sure to use this opportunity!

It's great to be back at the parish! Savannah was a nice break. It was good to see an old friend and to preach an Advent Mission, but there's no place like home!

With the new vaccines coming out for COVID-19, many people are asking about the ethical status of these inoculations. Here is [the memo](#) on this issue from the Pro-Life Secretariat of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Some things happening around the parish:

Congratulations to Elliot and Bayleigh Panicco, who were recently married here at Our Lady of Grace! Some of you might remember Bayleigh from when she worked in the sacristy. We're very happy for this young couple and we wish them every joy and blessing! *Congratulations, Elliot and Bayleigh!*

Congratulations to our Deacon Candidate, Tom Heath, who received the Ministry of Lector from Bishop Guglielmone last weekend. This is the first formal step to receiving Holy Orders. *Congratulations, Tom!*

With the development of Grace Lily, we're happy to welcome Tony Pasquarelli back to the staff as our A/V Coordinator. Having this position back on staff will be an immense help to us in sustaining and growing our livestream ministry. *Thank you, Tony! Welcome Back!*

Please note that our regular schedule is suspended and the church building will be closed on Wednesday, December 23. We will not have public Mass on that day.

As a help to your holiday planning, our [Masses for Christmas](#) will be celebrated on December 24 at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM, as well as on December 25 at 10 AM. *All*

of the Christmas Masses will be livestreamed. Due to safety restrictions relating to the pandemic, we will not have the children's choir or children's homily at the Masses this year. As usual, our Masses are limited to 125 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

As mentioned before, I humbly request that our older parishioners remember the parish in their annual [Qualified Charitable Deduction](#). Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

Please read and 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)!