

From Father Kirby...

February 28, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Lent continues! The summons of the Lord Jesus is given again in each of our hearts, “Come, follow me!” Today, we are told of the Lord’s Transfiguration. It’s a reminder to each of us of the glory that awaits those who love God. Do we strive for this glory in our own lives? Are we cooperating with God’s grace and living in such a way that makes this glory possible?

As some of you might recall, I was away on vacation this past week. It’s a joy to be back home at the parish! I missed you, Team Grace!

Some things happening around the parish:

Today, February 28, is the fourteenth day of preparation for our Consecration to Saint Joseph. Stay the course in the preparation! If you’ve fallen behind, just double up and catch up! If you haven’t started yet, you can still begin the preparation! I pray that every parishioner makes this Consecration on March 19!

Our Lenten homily series on the Ten Commandments continues. This Sunday, we’ll discuss the Second and Third Commandments: “Keep holy the Name of the Lord” (Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11; *Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2142-2167*); “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8-10; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; *Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2168-2195*). This concludes our review of the “first tablet” of the moral law. Next week, we’ll move to the “second tablet.”

Parents: Please note that on the weekend of March 13-14, the 6th and 9th Commandments will be preached on. These relate to sexual morality. The homily will mention and address sexual matters. Please prepare your children for the homily, or exercise the dispensation and have them stay at home.

This Wednesday, we’ll still have our weekly Bible Study. We’ll discuss Abram’s Return to the Promise Land and his Separation with Lot (Genesis 13:1-18). As a reminder, all our Bible Study sessions can be found on our [Grace Lily](#) page.

For Lent this year, our Stations of the Cross will be prayed via livestream. Every Friday at 6:00 PM, the Stations will be available on [Grace Lily](#). Parishioners and families are invited to pray the Stations at that hour, or later when they’re able.

This coming Saturday, March 6, is First Saturday. We'll have our monthly Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM. Confessions are at 10:30 AM, and then briefly after the Mass.

As a reminder, [FORMED](#) is a Catholic on-line service that provides great formation and wholesome entertainment programs for the whole family. It's free for the families of Our Lady of Grace. Please be sure to sign up and use it as a resource to learn about and enjoy our Faith!

After a lot of searching, we found a contractor who was willing to come and, at a reasonable price, repair our sinkhole on the side parking lot (near the pavilion). I'm glad it's finally fixed and that the parking lot is smooth for driving again!

Every Sunday, I write a spirituality column on Crux. If anyone is interested, [here is the link](#) to the weekly columns.

As a reminder, 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)!