

From Father Kirby...

April 11, 2021

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today we mark the end of the Easter Octave with a heightened focus on the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus. While the Easter Season continues until Pentecost, the Octave ends today. It concludes with a call to receive the gratuitous mercy and overflowing grace of the Lord. Each of us - wherever we might be in our discipleship - is called to turn to the Lord Jesus, repent of our failings, and beseech his mercy! Will you? Will you stop the distractions and denial of the fallen world and give the Lord a repentant heart today?

This weekend, we start our new homily series on the Creed. The series will span the entire Easter Season. Both Deacon Doc and I will be “leap frogging” through the series. This weekend, the Deacon will be preaching on God the Father, which is the first whole portion of the Creed ([*Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC # 198 – 421*](#)).

The parish will celebrate a [Divine Mercy Service](#) this Sunday afternoon, April 11, from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. There will be Adoration, Confessions, a sung Mercy Chaplet, readings from Saint Faustina’s *Diary*, a homily on Divine Mercy, and an opportunity to venerate the relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome!

Some things happening around the parish:

As of Monday, April 12, we’ll have some organ accompanied music at our daily Masses. In addition, the ropes will be removed from the pews for all daily Masses.

Also, our weekly Parish Holy Hour resumes this Monday at 7:00 PM (there are no Confessions this week). Come and spend an hour of prayer with the Lord!

Our Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, April 14. This week’s lesson is a further development of the mysterious figure of Melchizedek (Gen 14:17-24). As a reminder, all our Bible Study sessions can be found on our [Grace Lily](#) page.

Starting this Thursday, April 15, our Thursday Noon Masses will be outside at the Columbarium for the Easter Season (concluding on May 20). If you plan to participate in this Mass, please review the [Outdoor Mass Notes](#).

Please note our new Outdoor 12:30 PM Mass on all the Sundays of the Easter Season (April 4 – May 23). There are specific notes for this Mass. If you plan to attend, please review the [Outdoor Mass Notes](#).

As a follow up, our Director of Operations continues to work with our diocesan General Counsel on the purchase of [Catholic Land](#). Things were slowed down because of parish and diocesan office holy day schedules, but things are moving forward. I'll report any developments as they occur.

For those who might be interested, I have a new book published with [Catholic Answers](#), which is a great resource for Catholic theology and answers to questions about the Faith. The new book is entitled, [*Real Worship: How to Avoid False Faith and Worship God in Spirit and Truth*](#).

As a reminder, 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)!