

From Father Kirby...

September 19, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

The Ordinary Time of the liturgical year is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the central teachings of the Lord Jesus. As we hear of his way, we are invited to recommit ourselves to him! Today, the Scriptures teach us of our call to accept suffering and persecution in imitation of the Lord Jesus. Will we?

Some things happening around the parish:

I'm very happy to announce that we are now in a contract with [Wagner Murray Architects](#) for the drafting of a Master Plan for [Catholic Land](#). *Our first task as a parish is to dream big dreams!* We need to brainstorm and discuss possibilities for our amazing second campus! As a help to this process, we are holding two Parish Town Hall Meetings on October 19, one at 1:30 PM and another at 7:00 PM. Please plan to be a part of one of these sessions! This is our future as parish!

Please note that our [Annual Financial Report](#) is now available on our parish website.

Thank you to all the young people who are participating in our Middle School and High School formation programs! Thank you also to the many adults who are participating in our parish Bible Study! These programs continue every Wednesday at 6:45 PM.

Next weekend, September 25-26, please sign up for an hour of Adoration for our next all-night prayer vigil on Friday – Saturday, October 1-2.

Next Sunday, September 26, at our 11:00 AM Mass, we'll offer a special blessing to our parishioner, Dr. Angela "Angie" Letourneau, who has been selected by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to receive the high honor of the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* award. All are encouraged to come! Our monthly Fellowship Sunday will follow the Mass and be in Angie's honor. *Congratulations, Angie!*

For your future planning, please note that from Monday – Thursday, October 4-7, I'll be away on the annual priest retreat. We will not have public daily Mass or Confessions on those days.

As we move through the year, please note that our entire [parish calendar](#) is available on our website.

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

Please be sure to read and review our revised and updated [Security/Safety Protocols for Parishioners](#) and [Church/Holy Communion Protocols](#).

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

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