

From Father Kirby...

September 5, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today, we continue our walk through Ordinary Time. Saint Mark describes the Lord's ministry and the powerful signs and miracles he performed for those who were suffering and in need. In our lives, the Lord desires to heal us. We should regularly turn to him and seek his assistance.

As the first full weekend of the month, we will have Confessions after all the weekend Masses. Be sure to regularly receive this important sacrament!

This Monday, September 6, is Labor Day. The church building and Parish Office are closed. We do not have public Mass. All activities during the day are cancelled, however, we will still have our evening Holy Hour with Confessions from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. As we celebrate this holiday, we ask God's blessings upon the United States of America.

Some things happening around the parish:

Registrations are still open for our High School and Middle School Formation programs. [Registration forms](#) can be downloaded from our website. The programs begin on Wednesday evening, September 15, at 6:45 PM.

I'm happy to announce:

- Our Deacon Candidate Justin Barraco will serve as the catechist for our high school program. He'll be assisted by his wife, Ellen;
- Keith Chapman, a seasoned catechist of many years, will serve as our middle school catechist. He'll be assisted by Johnny Rusciollelli.

Thank you to our catechists!

This coming Saturday, September 11, we'll have a special 11:00 AM Mass for Patriot's Day. This is the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attack on our country. Please come and pray for our nation and its wellbeing.

On Monday, September 13, Deacon Doc will resume our parish Book Club. The group meets at 1:00 PM every Monday. The group will be reading Scott Hahn's book, *Hail, Holy Queen*. All are welcome!

Our weekly parish Bible Study is now on hiatus until September 15 (please note the adjusted date). As a reminder, all our Bible Study sessions can be found on our [Grace Lily](#) page.

Young Families: The subscription to [OSV Kids](#) begins this month. Please be on the lookout for the magazine!

For [Catholic Land](#), the parish Finance Council endorsed my request that we select a particular architectural firm to help us draft our master plan. With their endorsement, the request now goes to the Bishop. Pending his approval, I will announce the company to the parish. More developments are forthcoming.

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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