

From Father Kirby...

December 5, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today, we continue our walk through the Advent season! Mother Church is seeking to mold and shape us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Not simply the historical remembrance of the Lord's first coming at Bethlehem, but also his Second Coming, and his regular coming to us in the sacraments, especially Holy Communion.

Thank you to everyone who attended the talk by Obianuju Ekeocha, and to all who participated in our Nocturnal Adoration this past weekend!

This Sunday, Obianuju is going to give a few words after the 11:00 AM Mass.

In addition, as our first full weekend, we will have Confessions after each of the Masses. Please be sure to regularly receive this important sacrament!

Some things happening around the parish:

Due to the vigil of the Immaculate Conception, we will not have a Noon Mass or Confessions on Tuesday, December 7.

This Wednesday, December 8, is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses are Tuesday evening at 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM and Wednesday at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. *Before each Mass*, parishioners will have an opportunity to make (or review) their Consecration to Jesus through Mary. *After each Mass* (other than the 7:00 PM), Confessions will be available.

Please note that our 7:00 PM Mass on December 8 is also our Anniversary Mass as a formal parish. In commemoration of our anniversary, we'll conclude the Mass with a bagpipe, candlelight procession to Our Lady's statue and crown her the Queen of our parish!

Our parish Bible Study, High School Formation Program, and Middle School Formation Program are all on hiatus until Wednesday, January 12.

For your future planning, I'll be away on vacation from Monday-Wednesday, December 13-15. There are no Confessions or daily Masses on these days. All our devotions, the Rosary, and our Adoration time will still take place.

If you are taking required minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA, are you taking advantage of the qualified charitable distribution (QCD)? If not, you may want to contact Angie Letourneau at aletourneau@carolina.rr.com to get information on how to structure your cash contributions to get a tax break!

The professional staff continue to review some of our ideas and suggestions for [Catholic Land](#) as we prepare for the Spring Town Hall meetings when the Master Plan will be presented and proposed to the entire parish.

Please note that our electronic newsletter is now sent out on Saturdays between 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

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

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

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