

From Father Kirby...

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Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

This Sunday, we enter Ordinary Time. After the Advent and Christmas seasons, we now move into this other liturgical season. The focus of Ordinary Time is the proclamation of the teachings of the Lord Jesus and the constant invitation for us to once again (and again) declare him the Lord of our lives!

This weekend, as a nation, we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and all the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. May our country continue to live by the ideals of fraternal charity, justice, and kindness to all. In honor of the holiday, our church building and Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17. There is no public Mass or events on that day. Our evening Holy Hour and Confessions, however, will still take place.

Some things happening around the parish:

Thank you to the Saint Cecilia Girls' Choir for leading us in sacred song this weekend at our 11:00 AM Mass.

This coming Saturday, January 22, the parish will be holding a peaceful, prayerful protest in front of the abortion clinic at 3220 Latrobe Drive in Charlotte. *All parishioners are encouraged to come and be a part of this prayer outreach.* In the narthex, we have lapel pins of baby feet as a small gift and reminder of this invitation.

I'm happy to announce that nationally acclaimed Catholic apologist and biblical scholar Scott Hahn is coming to our parish on Friday, February 18. He'll be giving a talk on the Eucharist. The event is free, but registration is required. [You can sign-up here for the event!](#) All are welcome!

Our parish Bible Study, High School Formation Program, and Middle School Formation Program all continue this Wednesday, January 19. In our Bible Study, we'll review the Prospering of Jacob (Genesis 30:25-43). In reference to our Bible Study, we will continue to livestream the study until we complete the Book of Genesis in a few months.

As a reminder, our current capital campaign ends next month. Please do what you can to honor any pledges you made, or to offer any gifts you can provide. *The*

resources of our campaign will determine what we will be able to build on our new land.

The parish is very happy to offer a special Divine Mercy Pilgrimage this Spring to Washington, DC. [More information can be found here.](#)

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 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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