

*From Father Kirby...*

**January 23, 2022**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

This Sunday, we continue our walk through Ordinary Time. This year, we're guided by Saint Luke's Gospel. Our task during this liturgical season is to draw closer to the Lord Jesus and recommit ourselves to his Lordship. In our lives, have we made the "personal decision" for Jesus Christ and allowed his grace to be "fanned into flame"?

Some things happening around the parish:

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the prayer outreach in front of the abortion clinic this weekend. It's essential to our beliefs that we peacefully protest the unjust law of abortion. Please continue to remember this intention in your prayers!

In terms of outreach, I'd also like to ask all parishioners to participate in a special letter/card campaign. Andrew Lengers, a young man from our parish who served our altar for many years as a senior altar server, has entered Boot Camp for the US Marine Corps. He's able to receive cards and letters (*but not boxes or food*). And so, Team Grace, let's surround this young Christian with our love and support. Please send him a card or letter at:

Rct Lengers, Andrew, S  
3rd RTBN LIMA CO, PLT 3016  
PO BOX 16345  
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC 29905-6345

As a public service, please note that free at-home Covid tests are now available from our federal government. [You can order your free tests here.](#)

Thank you also to all the parishioners who signed up for the evening event with Scott Hahn on February 18. The event is now full. If you have not yet registered, I regret there is no space available.

This Monday evening, we have our weekly parish Holy Hour (with Confessions) from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. All are welcome!

Our parish Bible Study, High School Formation Program, and Middle School Formation Program all continue this Wednesday, January 26. In our Bible Study,

we'll review Jacob's Flight from Haran (Genesis 31:1-21). 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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