

*From Father Kirby...*

**January 30, 2022**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

This year, our Ordinary Time is longer than usual (since Lent begins on March 2). This extra time allows us to hear more from the Sacred Scriptures and be reminded of more aspects of our discipleship. Every weekend of Ordinary Time, therefore, is an opportunity for us to do an examination of conscience and then re-commit ourselves to the way of the Lord Jesus. When was the last time you intentionally and consciously declared Jesus as the Lord of your life?

Please join us this Sunday at 12:15 PM for our monthly Fellowship Sunday.

Some things happening around the parish:

This weekend we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration next Friday-Saturday (February 4-5). Please be generous with your time and give the Lord Jesus an hour of prayer!

Due to overwhelming generosity in the Christmas season, the parish was able to give [HOPE in Lancaster](#) a \$6,000 grant from our Charitable Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Poor Box in the narthex!

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, February 2. In our Bible Study, we'll review Laban Overtaking Jacob as the patriarch leaves Haran (Genesis 31:22-42).

This Thursday, February 3, at our Noon Mass, we'll have the annual Blessing of Throats in honor of Saint Blaise. All are welcome to come for the blessing!

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.

*“He lived his married single lifestyle, and I lived mine.”* Sound familiar? *Retrouvaille* is a marriage help program that teaches effective communication. The presenting team, three couples and a priest, gives practical tools to enable you to take a good look at many areas of your relationship. They’ve been through it and will tell you what worked for them. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning April 8-10, 2022, get in touch: (434) 793-0242, [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com), or [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

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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