

From Father Kirby...

February 20, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

As we make our way through the month of February, we are still within Ordinary Time. The Church takes this opportunity to proclaim again the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are invited to renew our commitment to the Lord Jesus. Use this season well. Draw closer to the Lord in your own life. Surrender to him and seek his glory in your life. Now is the time!

This weekend, we observe President's Day and ask God's continued blessings upon our nation! On Monday, February 21, we will have daily Mass at Noon, but all other events are suspended (including our evening Holy Hour).

Some things happening around the parish:

For anyone who might be interested, I've recently completed a Lenten program through Catholic Company. The program gives daily reflections throughout the penitential season. Entitled, [Holy Lent](#), the program is designed to help participants go deeper in their discipleship.

As a reminder, our capital campaign ends on February 28. Due to some miscommunication, OSV included envelopes for our campaign in their recent mailing. Please disregard the envelopes for March and April. Please consider donating to our "Support Our Sisters" collection on the first weekend of every month. You can write that intention in the "memo" of a check.

Thank you to the Saint Cecilia Girls' Choir for leading us in sacred song this Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass. The choir sings every third Sunday of the month.

This Thursday, February 24, I'll be away visiting EWTN and Bishop Robert Baker, who ordained me to the priesthood. There is no daily Mass or Confessions on this day. Our Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Weekly Fellowship will all still happen. All are welcome!

Our next prayer outreach to the abortion clinic in Charlotte will be this Saturday, February 26, at 8:30 AM. The clinic is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC. There are free Team Grace hats and baby feet pins in the narthex today. Please take as many as you need. *I pray everyone joins us for this peaceful, prayerful protest against the unjust law of abortion.* As we did last month, we will once again provide

a bus for older parishioners and those who have difficulty driving. Please see the Front Office for more information.

The Master Plan for [Catholic Land](#) has been finalized and I'm very excited to present it to the entire parish. As such, I'm happy to announce two parish Town Hall meetings on Tuesday, April 26, one at 1:00 PM and another at 7:00 PM. *I strongly encourage every parishioner to attend one of these sessions!*

I'm happy to announce that Bishop Robert Guglielmone will be at the parish on May 3 for Confirmation. Any baptized Catholic Christian, who is in 7th grade or older, who would like to be Confirmed is encouraged to reach out to Johnny Rusciollelli, our Operations Assistant and Liturgy Coordinator, for more information: jrusciollelli@charlestdiocese.org.

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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