

From Father Kirby...

February 6, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

You might notice that the Christmas flowers and the Baby Jesus have been taken down from the sanctuary. They were devotionally kept near the altar until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which was this past week (February 2). With the celebration of the feast day – which marks the 40th day of the Lord’s life – we remove all semblances of Christmas and our complete focus is now on Ordinary Time and our call to be disciples. How is your discipleship going? Are you seeking to follow the Lord with a total and faithful heart?

This weekend, the parish is pleased to give out free copies of Scott Hahn’s book, *[A Father Who Keeps his Promises](#)*. The book is a very engaging account of salvation history. Thank you to the donor who made this possible!

Some things happening around the parish:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Nocturnal Adoration this past Friday-Saturday! May the Sacred Heart of our Lord bless you!

Please note that the Bishop’s Annual Appeal begins this weekend. The appeal provides the financial support to the Bishop’s many charitable outreaches. Please be as supportive and generous as possible.

There have been some very negative reviews of our parish on Google Review. Many of these are from pro-abortion people who are angry by our prayerful presence at the local abortion clinic. Regrettably, the reviews can color the perception of our parish and influence whether someone visits or joins us. As such, I’d like to invite all parishioners to post their own reviews of our parish. [You can post a review here](#).

This Monday evening, we have our weekly parish Holy Hour; however, *for this Monday we will not have Confessions*.

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 helps marriages and 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, retrouvaillenc@msn.com, or helpourmarriage.org.

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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