

From Father Kirby...

March 27, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today we celebrate Laetare “Rejoice” Sunday! This is the midpoint of the season of Lent. Mother Church tempers her penitential violet and clothes herself in rose. Flowers are permitted and music is allowed to be a little more festive. This midpoint of Lent points us to the future Easter celebration.

This weekend for Laetare Sunday, Confessions will be heard after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday mornings Masses. Also, at our 11:00 AM Mass, we will have a bagpiper playing some tunes before and at the conclusion of Mass. After the 11:00 AM Mass, we have our monthly Fellowship Sunday. All are welcome!

Some things happening around the parish:

We welcome Monsignor Karl Chimiak to the parish! Monsignor is a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, and currently the civilian chaplain at Shaw Airforce Base. He will be hearing our Saturday evening Confessions and celebrating our Saturday 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM Masses. I’ll be away attending the Pink and Blue Banquet of the Saint Clare Home in Greenville. I’ll be back late Saturday evening and will celebrate the Sunday morning Masses.

In the narthex this weekend we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration next Friday-Saturday (April 1-2). Please be generous with your time and sign up for an hour of prayer!

This Friday evening, April 1, we have our monthly Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. This coming Saturday, April 2, we have our monthly Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM.

In looking at some other future events, I’d like to highlight:

Please note that I’ll be away for some vacation time from Monday- Wednesday, March 28-30. I’ll be preaching a Parish Mission in Florida. While I’m away, there is no public Mass or Confessions at the parish. All other events are still being held. Please check the [Parish Calendar](#) for more information.

On Wednesday, April 6, at 7:00 PM, we will have a public talk at the parish by the papal biographer of Pope Saint John Paul II, Prof. [George Weigel](#). The event is open to the public.

The Master Plan for [Catholic Land](#) will be presented to the entire parish during 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@charlestdioocese.org.

Please continue to pray for our Bishop-elect [Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS](#). Please note that no Bishop is mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. This is a spiritual observance of the Church that indicates a diocese is waiting for a new shepherd.

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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