

From Father Kirby...

April 10, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today, we begin Holy Week! This is the holiest week of the entire year. It encapsulates the central mysteries of our redemption. It is the Mass in slow motion. It is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery! *All Christians are strongly encouraged to participate in the Masses and liturgies of this most holy week!*

Some things happening around the parish:

This weekend is Palm Sunday. The parish is restoring the Solemn Procession of the Lord at the beginning of the 11:00 AM Mass. The procession will begin at Our Lady's statue at the entrance of our campus. *For all those attending the 11:00 AM Mass, please arrive at 10:45 AM.*

Our parish Spring Festival is back! Join your parish family this Sunday at 12:30 PM, as we commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. We'll have some BBQ, snow cones, petting zoo, pony rides, and cornhole games. Everything is free. All are welcome!

In the coming week, I'd like to give a quick review of each day since almost everything we're accustomed to is different during Holy Week:

Monday, April 11: The church office is open 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM. No daily Mass or Confessions. The Rosary, Miraculous Medal Novena, and the evening Holy Hour (no Confessions) will all still happen.

Tuesday, April 12: The church building is closed. No daily Mass or Confessions. No public prayer or events. The Chrism Mass is being celebrated in Charleston with the Bishop.

Wednesday, April 13: The church building is open from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Mass is celebrated. Confessions times are 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM – Last Penitent. The Rosary, Saint Dymphna Novena, and afternoon Adoration will all be held.

Holy Thursday, April 14: The church building is closed during the day. There is no Noon Mass or afternoon Confessions. There is no public prayer or events during the day. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. Adoration at the

Altar of Repose (in the Parish Hall) will be until Midnight. Confessions are also available from the end of Mass until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 15: Confessions begin at 9:00 AM and continue until 2:30 PM. They will resume about 4:30 PM and continue until the last penitent. The Solemn Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Noon. The Good Friday Liturgy will be celebrated at 3:00 PM.

Holy Saturday, April 16: The church building is closed during the day. There are no 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM Masses. The Great Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 17: Masses are at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and then a special Outdoor Mass at 12:30 PM (near the storage units).

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

The campus and church building are closed the week after Easter, April 18-21. There are no public Masses or Confessions. There is no public prayer or events at the parish. The pastor and staff are observing some vacation time.

Our next parish Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility is on Saturday, April 23, at 8:30 AM.

The Divine Mercy Service will be held on Sunday, April 24, at 3:00 PM. There will be Adoration, readings from Saint Faustina's Diary, and Confessions. All are welcome!

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@charlestdiocese.org.

Our parish May Procession and Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 15. More information is forthcoming.

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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