

*From Father Kirby...*

**April 17, 2022**

Happy Easter, Team Grace!

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! He is truly Risen!! Rejoice and be glad! The Lord has conquered sin and death. We are free. He is Risen! Alleluia!

Thank you to all believers who participated in the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum!

As a Church, we now enter the Easter Season. We will spend the next several weeks rejoicing in the Lord's presence among us. We will also be anticipating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us at Pentecost.

Please note that during the Easter Season, the Angelus Prayer before all Masses is replaced by the [Regina Caeli Prayer](#).

Some things happening around the parish:

In the coming week, Monday – Thursday, April 18-21, the church building and Parish Office are closed. There are no Confessions or public Mass. No events or devotionals will be held. Both myself and the parish staff are all on vacation time.

This coming Saturday morning, April 23, our parish is sending a pilgrimage group to Washington, DC, to visit the Pope Saint John Paul II Shrine and other holy places in our capital city. Please remember the group in your prayers!

Also, this coming Saturday, April 23, at 8:30 AM, we will have our next parish Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility. *All parishioners are encouraged to come and join in this peaceful, prayerful protest against the horror of abortion.* The abortion facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC. There is no bus this month.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

Our next Fellowship Sunday is next Sunday, April 24, at 12:15 PM. All parishioners are invited to come for doughnuts and conversation with their fellow believers.

The Divine Mercy Service will be held next 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!*

Bishop Robert Guglielmone will be with us for Confirmation on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 PM. All parishioners are invited to come to the Mass and pray for the those who will receive the Holy Spirit!

Our parish May Procession and Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 12:30 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and more! All are welcome!

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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