

*From Father Kirby...*

**April 24, 2022**

Happy Easter, Team Grace!

As a Church, we now make our journey through the Easter Season. We will spend the next several weeks rejoicing in the Lord's presence among us. Today, we revere the ocean of mercy the Lord Jesus wishes to flood upon us. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday! Rejoice! Our Risen Lord is Merciful and Kind!

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

Thank you to everyone who sent me suggestions for the Easter Season homily series. I received many great ideas, some of which are on my list for future series. For now, I thought the most pressing suggestion was a series on what it means to follow the Lord as a disciple. I've merged a few different ideas from various parishioners, but here's our summary of topics for the series: Living the Way; The Sacraments and our Discipleship; The Different Vocations; Marriage and Sexuality; Holy Fellowship with Others; Our Call to Prayer; and, Our Use of Material Goods. The series will take us right up to Pentecost and the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit. I pray everyone finds the homily series edifying and helpful to their discipleship.

Some things happening around the parish:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the parish Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility. I encourage all parishioners to join us every fourth Saturday of the month for this important prayer opportunity!

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

The Divine Mercy Service will be held this 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 *this Tuesday*, April 26, one at 1:00 PM and another at 7:00 PM. Some additional updates will also be provided. *I strongly encourage every parishioner to attend one of these sessions!*

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

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. The May Procession will be held before the 11:00 AM Mass. It will begin at Our Lady's statue at the entrance of the parish campus. Everyone who is planning to participate in the procession is asked to come at 10:45 AM. The Parish Picnic will start around 12:30 PM. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, and more! Everything is free. 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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