

From Father Kirby...

April 3, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today, we begin Passiontide. This is the last stretch of Lent. It is an opportunity for us to go deeper if our Lent has been good, or to do a reboot if our Lent has been lacking. In observance of Passiontide, our parish statues are covered and the use of the bells are suspended. These penitential practices are a further preparation for us to celebrate the Lord's Paschal Mystery.

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

Some things happening around the parish:

This Monday, April 4, at 1:00 PM, Deacon Doc is starting a new book for our parish Book Club. Join the good Deacon and your fellow believers for a dive into [Mary: Who She Is and Why She Matters](#). All are welcome!

This 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. In deference to this talk, our parish Bible Study, High School Formation, and Middle School Formation sessions are all suspended on April 6.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The parish is restoring the Solemn Procession of the Lord at the beginning of the 11:00 AM Mass (April 10). 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 next Sunday, April 10, 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 looking at some other future events, I'd like to highlight:

Please note that in honor of the Chrism Mass in Charleston, we will not have public Mass or Confessions here at the parish on Monday and Tuesday, April 11-12. Monday, we will still have our devotionals during the day and Holy Hour in the

evening. Tuesday, the church building will be closed for the day and all events will be cancelled.

Please note our parish [Holy Week schedule](#). All the faithful are invited to accompany our Lord through his Paschal Mystery.

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@charlestandioocese.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 Protocols](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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