

From Father Kirby...

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Happy Easter, Team Grace!

We continue to rejoice in the presence and goodness of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! The Lord is Risen and has conquered the kingdom of sin and death. Alleluia! In our lives, as we experience the fallenness of the world, we cling to the hope and joy of the Risen Lord! He is with us! Let us rejoice!

We also begin the month of May, which has traditionally been regarded as “Our Lady’s month.” This is a time for us to draw closer to Our Lady and allow her to be an active part in our discipleship. I remind everyone of our 11:30 AM Rosary before Mass Monday through Thursday. All are welcome!

For our homily series, we move today from Living the Way to The Sacraments and our Discipleship.

Some things happening around the parish:

Congratulations to Ryan Kubic, who recently completed both his MBA and his certification as a Non-Profit Executive. With these additional credentials, I’m happy to announce that Ryan has been promoted to Parish Lay Administrator. This is the highest position a lay person can hold on the parish level. I’m grateful for Ryan’s dedicated service as our Director of Operations and I look forward to working with him in his new position. As the Administrator of the parish, Ryan will supervise large projects, manage staff, and serve as the comptroller of our parish budget and finances.

This Sunday afternoon around 12:15 PM, we’ll have a reception for Ryan in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

Congratulations to Johnny Rusciolelli, who recently completed his first year of undergraduate studies in business administration. He has worked at the parish as the Operations Assistant/Liturgy Coordinator. He has indicated that he wants to work at the parish for the duration of his college studies, and so I’m happy to announce that Johnny has been promoted to Junior Director of Operations. Johnny asks that he now be addressed by his formal name, “John Paul.”

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Town Hall meetings this past Tuesday. As we discussed, the Master Plan is completed and will wait for the

economy to bounce back before we launch anything on the new land. In the interim, we will expand and enhance our current columbarium so that we'll have space to bury our beloved dead.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

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

Next weekend, I'm pleased to welcome Father Patrick Resen to the parish. Father Resen is a retired priest of the Diocese of Knoxville. He will celebrate and preach our weekend Masses.

As an FYI: I'll be away on May 8-13 leading the annual priest retreat for the Diocese of Great Falls- Billings in Montana. As a Papal Missionary of Mercy, I sometimes have these additional assignments.

While I'm away on my mercy mission, there will not be Confessions or daily Masses on Monday- Thursday, May 9-12.

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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