

***From Father Kirby...***

**May 15, 2022**

Happy Easter, Team Grace!

Our new Bishop was ordained this past Friday. We thank God for Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune and his apostolic ministry among us. With his ordination, you will now hear his name spoken at Mass.

This Sunday, our parish crowns the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of our hearts and the Queen of our parish! May we always keep Our Lady close and seek her help as we follow the Lord Jesus.

This Sunday, our parish May Procession will be held before the 11:00 AM Mass. It begins 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.*

I'm happy to announce that the Crown Committee nominated Sandy Simmons to crown Our Lady this year. Sandy is a retired nurse, who has devoted her entire life to the service and care of others. She is a leader in the hospitality ministry of our parish. We are honored to have Sandy crown Our Lady! *Thank you, Sandy!*

This Sunday, the Parish Picnic starts around 12:30 PM. We have a live band, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and more! Everything is free. All are welcome!

During our picnic, we'll have a Spiritual Bouquet available. It's requested that every household in the parish make some spiritual commitment for our new Bishop. Such commitments could include rosaries, mercy chaplets, Holy Communion, etc. Please note these commitments on the card of the Spiritual Bouquet. It's important that we surround our new Bishop with our love and prayers.

Some things happening around the parish:

It's good to be back from Montana! I enjoyed giving the annual priest retreat to the clergy of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. They're good men who are giving their lives in service to the Church on the frontiers. It was a joy to be with them, just as it's a joy to be back home!

This weekend, we return to our homily series for the Easter Season. We'll be addressing the vocations within the life of the Church and the Christian view of marriage and sexuality.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

According to news reports, the formal opinion of the US Supreme Court will be released this Monday, May 16. We pray for peace as our country returns to its moral birthright and defends the lives of all people.

Please note that our parish Bible Study, High School Formation program, and Middle School Formation program have all concluded for the year. They will resume in the early Fall.

The parish will be offering a special Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 30, at 11:00 AM. We will have the Mass and the Blessing of a Memorial Wreath at the columbarium. 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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