

From Father Kirby...

November 13, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

This Sunday begins the conclusion of this portion of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year. I encourage you to use this time well. It is an opportunity to examine our discipleship and to recommit ourselves to the Lord Jesus.

This Sunday, I'll be going through various questions about the Mass and our liturgical celebration here at Our Lady of Grace. I'm grateful to the many parishioners who sent in questions and requests for clarification.

Here are some things happening at the parish this week:

We are still within the preparation time to make (or renew) the Consecration to Jesus through Mary on the Immaculate Conception (December 8). If you missed the past week, you can still make do the preparation by doubling up on days. Preparation books are available for free from the Front Office.

This Monday evening, November 14, at 6:30 PM, we have our monthly Stations of the Cross for loved ones who have left the faith. All are invited to come and join us in this time of prayer.

For this Monday only, we will *not* have Confessions during our weekly parish Holy Hour at 7:00 PM. I'll be away that evening for a personal appointment.

This week on EWTN, November 14-18 at 5:30 PM (ET), I'll be co-hosting a miniseries entitled, *Living the Christian Way*. The series addresses major social issues of our day, including the LGBTQ+ movement, Critical Race Theory, gender equality, etc. All parishioners are encouraged to tune in for the miniseries!

Next Saturday, November 19, we'll have our next Formation Day from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon. The day will focus on “Purgatory, Indulgences, Relics, and All Things Christian!” The event is free. No registration is needed. All are welcome!

Many of you know John Paul Rusciolelli. He's a college student working on our staff as our current Director of Ministries. John Paul works diligently for the parish and has been a key staff member in the on-going post-pandemic mission of our parish. Well, John Paul was recently able to buy a small home in the Waxhaw area. As a help, I asked him to come up with a registry for things he might need for his

new home. [Here's the link to his registry](#). Team Grace, please do what you can to support this young adult as he tirelessly supports us!

Please note our new [calendar for the program year 2022/2023](#) is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all of our events and programs for the coming year.

I'd like to encourage every household of the parish to register for [FORMED](#). This is a free digital platform with family friendly content.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

In this quarter's offertory envelopes, you may have noticed that there is a new second collection on the first weekend of the month. The second collection will provide additional resources to our major projects on campus, such as the front hill, the railway landscaping, etc. Thank you for whatever support you can give to this collection!

If you are taking required minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA, are you taking advantage of the qualified charitable distribution (QCD)? Please consider doing so and remembering your parish in your charitable giving. If you're not sure what this is, or how to give to the parish, please contact Angie Letourneau, a member of our parish Finance Council, at aletourneau@carolina.rr.com to get information on how to structure your cash contributions to get a tax break.

The parish is in need of new Counters for our weekly offertory. The counters are on a rotating schedule. Volunteers usually serve every three to four weeks. Please consider this important service! Please stop by the Front Office or send Ryan Kubic an email: rkubic@charlestdiocese.org.

Our parish Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thanksgiving, November 24, at 11:00 AM. All are welcome!

Our next prayer outreach at the local abortion facility is Saturday, November 26, at 8:30 AM. The parish provides a free bus for any parishioner. Please see the Front Office for details.

Our annual Gingerbread Day for the children of the parish will be on Sunday, November 27. The 11:00 AM Mass will have a children's homily and blessing of the Baby Jesus. After the Mass, there will be free gingerbread houses for every child

in the Parish Hall, as well as all the fun things needed to decorate them! All children and their parents are welcome!

Our next First Friday and First Saturday are December 2-3.

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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