

From Father Kirby...

December 25, 2022

Merry Christmas, Team Grace! The long-awaited Messiah has come! Alleluia! Our Savior is with us! Alleluia! Rejoice!

As a reminder, here's our Christmas Mass: Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, and 10 PM; and, Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 AM. ***Please note: this schedule replaces our regular weekend Mass schedule.***

Here are some things happening at the parish this week:

As is our custom here at Our Lady of Grace, the parish campus is closed the week after Christmas, December 26 - December 30. There are no public Masses on these days. All other activities are suspended.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The high feast day, however, falls on Sunday this year and so the obligation is fulfilled by our regular Sunday obligation.

As a reminder, our Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings is on hiatus until January 4. When our Formation Nights resume, I'm happy to announce a new Confession time from 6:00 – 6:30 PM. This Confession time is open for everyone, but is specifically being offered for the parents and children in our faith formation programs.

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:

January 6 – 7 is our next first weekend. Please plan on being a part of our Nocturnal Adoration.

On the weekend of January 14-15, the parish will host a Diaper Drive. All parishioners are asked to bring diapers to Mass. The diapers will then be distributed to local outreaches in support of unwed or low-income mothers.

On Sunday, January 15, the parish will host a blood bus. All parishioners are encouraged to give blood. As a pro-life people, we serve life however we can. Blood is in great need in our area. Please sign up! *Please note: sign-ups are required.* Here is [the link to sign up](#).

I want to encourage parishioners to please pre-plan their funerals with the parish. Monty Bennett, our Director of Sacred Music, is happy to meet with any parishioner and go through the pre-planning process. Monty can be reached at mbennett@charlestondiocese.org.

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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