

*From Father Kirby...*

**October 29, 2023**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! It's good to be home! The holy places of Our Lady were inspiring. I'm grateful for the pilgrimage, but I'm also very happy to be home!

Some things happening at the parish that I'd like to highlight this week:

This Sunday around 12:15 PM, we'll have our monthly Fellowship Sunday. Come and join other parishioners for donuts and fellowship. All are welcome!

In the narthex this weekend, we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration this coming Friday and Saturday, November 3-4. Please be generous with your time and sign up for a Holy Hour!

Also in the narthex this weekend, we have sign-ups for the Live Nativity and Children's Christmas Choir. *All children are welcome to sign up!*

The Solemnity of All Saints is this Wednesday, November 1. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. All the baptized are called to the altar of God for worship. Our Mass schedule here is: Tuesday, October 31: 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Wednesday, November 1: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. Confessions are available after each Mass.

Due to evening Masses for All Saints Day, we will not have our regularly scheduled Noon Mass or Confessions this Tuesday.

The holy day of All Souls is this Thursday, November 2. We'll have three Masses: a 7:00 AM Quiet Mass in the church; a Noon Mass at the columbarium (please bring your own seat or blanket); and a solemn 7:00 PM Mass in the church.

As we near the observance of All Souls Day, November 2, I'd like to clarify some of our Catholic customs:

- The All Souls envelopes are for you to formally ask your local pastor to prayerfully remember your beloved dead through the next year. It is very important that you write the names of your loved ones on the envelopes. The names can be anyone who has died at any time. Please note: the All Souls collection goes directly to the priest. This is the only time in which collected funds go directly to the priest. *However, checks should still be made out to the*

*parish. Please do not make any checks payable to me.* The parish will issue me a check.

- The Book of the Dead will be placed by the baptismal font on November 1. Any and all of your beloved dead can be written in the book. It does not matter when your loved ones passed away. Anyone can be written in the book.
- The Reading of Names at our 7:00 PM Mass on All Souls is only for those who have died *within the past liturgical year* (November 2, 2022 – November 1, 2023). Names can be emailed to Monty: [mbennett@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mbennett@charlestdiocese.org).

This Friday evening, November 3, we have our monthly Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. Confessions begin after the Mass and continue until Midnight.

This coming Saturday morning, November 4, we have Confessions from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, the rosary at 10:30 AM, the Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM, and then our prayer teams and brunch after lunch. All are welcome!

Please note our [calendar for the program year 2023/2024](#) is posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

On Monday evening, November 13, at 7:00 PM, we'll have our monthly Stations of the Cross for loved ones who have left the practice of the Faith.

Some general announcements for the good of the parish:

I'd like to encourage every household of the parish to register for [FORMED](#). This is a free digital platform with good Catholic, family-friendly content. I also want to strongly encourage every household to join [EWTN OnDemand](#), which is another free digital platform whose content is supportive of our faith.

As a reminder, our parish staff can be readily reached via email. [Here is the staff directory](#).

As we approach December, here are some links to help with Advent customs and traditions:

Information on the "O, Antiphons" can be found [here](#). The Jesse Tree can be found [here](#). The Advent wreath can be found [here](#). The Las Posadas and the Aguinaldos can be found [here](#).

Here are some Advent Songs that were put together by our Director of Sacred Liturgy: [People Look East](#); [On Jordan's Bank](#); [Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates](#); [O Come, O Come Emmanuel](#).

Before Advent, we'll post all of these resources (and some others) on our parish website.

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

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