

**April 7, 2024**

*From Father Kirby...*

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday, Team Grace! We continue our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection by rejoicing today over the abundance of his mercy! The Lord is kind and merciful. We only have to turn to him and his mercy will be poured out upon us!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our diocesan Eucharistic Congress this weekend! I pray the experience has deepened everyone's faith in the Lord's True Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

This Sunday, April 7, we have our annual Divine Mercy Service from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. We'll have Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, readings from Saint Faustina's *Diary*, and other devotions. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

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

As a continual reminder, we now *only have a 5:00 PM* Anticipated Sunday Mass on Saturday evenings.

As a Papal Missionary of Mercy, I'm sometimes asked to assist as a confessor/spiritual director for priest retreats. This coming Monday – Thursday, April 8-11, I'll be serving in this capacity at a national priest retreat in Austin, Texas. Please remember the priest retreatants in your prayers!

There is no daily Mass or Confessions this coming Monday evening, April 8. We'll still have the rosary at 5:00 PM. The Miraculous Medal Novena will be prayed at 5:30 PM and our evening Adoration time will follow. Benediction will be given around 7:00 PM.

This Monday evening, April 8, at 7:00 PM, we'll have our monthly Stations of the Cross for those who have left the faith. All are invited to come and walk the Stations for the swift return of our loved ones.

This Tuesday – Thursday, April 9-11, Father Bob Morey will be here at the parish. He'll offer the daily Masses and hear daily Confessions. Our parish schedule remains the same for devotions and other events.

This Wednesday evening, April 10, during our regular adult formation time, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, Dr. John Acquaviva will give a guest presentation on themes relating to sports.

Please note there are no Confessions on Wednesday evening, April 10.

Starting next Saturday, April 13, we'll have Solemn Vespers at 4:00 PM on Saturdays. Everyone is encouraged to come and join in the Evening Prayer of the Church!

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 Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 – Noon, we'll have one of our periodic Formation Days. The theme of this session will be: "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and the Holy: Our Popes through the Ages."

On Saturday, April 27, at 8:30 AM, we'll have our next prayer outreach at the local abortion facility. All parishioners are encouraged to come and join us in this peaceful, prayerful protest against abortion. The facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC.

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](#).

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

Email: [Jeffrey.Kirby@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:Jeffrey.Kirby@charlestandiocese.org)

Website: [www.frkirby.com](http://www.frkirby.com)

Twitter: @fatherkirby

Weekly spirituality column: <https://cruxnow.com/author/fr-jeff-kirby>

Daily Reflections available through [MorningOffering.com](http://MorningOffering.com).