

April 14, 2024

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord! He lives in our midst and shares his glory with us. Rejoice! The Lord is Risen!

It's good to be back at the parish. As some of you might recall, this past week I was assisting as a confessor/spiritual director at a priest retreat in Austin, Texas. The Lonestar State is a great place, but there's no place like home! *It's good to be back!* I'm grateful to Father Morey for covering our daily Masses while I was away.

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

All parishioners are reminded and encouraged to please follow the parish on Facebook. We use our account to post parish updates, funeral notices, baptism celebrations, and other announcements. [Here's the link to our page.](#)

As some of you may have seen on the media, the Vatican released a new document affirming many areas of our moral and pro-life teachings. The document is entitled, *Infinite Dignity*. [Here's the link to the document.](#) While the document provides newer nuances to explanations, it is consistent with the constant teachings of the Church.

As you can see on campus, work continues on our columbarium and front hill/Marian Grotto projects. Due to the constant rain, things have been delayed the past two months, but the best of efforts continue to be given to complete the projects as soon as possible. Please pray for good weather and for the workers on our projects.

Our Wednesday faith formation programs are back in session and will continue on until May 1. As a reminder, Confessions are heard on Wednesday evenings during the program year from 6:00 – 6:30 PM.

Please join us every Saturday evening at 4:00 PM for Solemn Vespers. All are welcome to come and welcome the Lord's Day in prayer.

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

This coming 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."

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 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.

Our next Nocturnal Adoration will be Friday – Saturday, May 3- 4. Please plan ahead and prepare to give the Lord an hour of prayer.

Our May Crowning this year will be Sunday, May 12, at our 11:00 AM Mass. The procession begins down at the flags at the entrance of our campus. Parishioners are asked to come around 10:45 AM, park their vehicles, and meet us at the flags. All parishioners are encouraged to come and participate in this beautiful celebration of Our Lady.

After our daily Mass on Tuesday, May 14, there will be a cake and small celebration of my 49th birthday. All are welcome. Please note there are no Confessions after Mass on this day.

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)!

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