

June 23, 2024

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! It's great to be home! Pilgrimages are a blessing and a help to our discipleship, but there's no place like home! It's good to be back!

Many of you entrusted prayer intentions to me for the pilgrimage. Those were carried to all the holy places I visited. In particular, I prayed for them at the Marian Grotto in Lourdes. In the narthex, there are holy cards for those of you who entrusted intentions to me. The holy cards are a small reminder of the prayers that were offered for you and your intentions.

Some things happening at the parish this week:

Our next monthly Fellowship Sunday is this Sunday, June 23, at 12:15 PM. Come and join your fellow parishioners for conversation and donuts!

This Wednesday, June 26, is the feast day of Saint Josemaria Escriva. We have a statue of the saint in our parish church. We're also very blessed to have a first-class relic of the saint. At the end of the Noon Mass on Wednesday, therefore, we'll have an opportunity to venerate the relic of this great saint.

The [calendar for the program year 2024/2025](#) is posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year. This is posted for your reference and information.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

Please note that the parish campus and office will be closed on Wednesday, July 3 – Thursday, July 4, in honor of our nation's Independence Day. There is no public Mass on these days and all other events are suspended.

Our next First Friday and First Saturday are July 5-6. Please plan ahead and make arrangements to give an hour of prayer during our parish's Nocturnal Adoration.

Recently, I recorded a miniseries on the Brown Scapular with ETWN. The miniseries will run from Monday – Friday, July 8-12, at 5:30 PM each night. The miniseries can be watched when it initially airs, or any time later on [EWTN OnDemand](#).

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.

Due to some unexpected pastoral duties this October, I've regrettably had to cancel my planned pilgrimage to Ireland. Later next year, however, I'll be hosting a [pilgrimage to Italy in March](#) for the Jubilee Year and a [pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul](#) (Greece and Turkey) in June. I'll post more information on these pilgrimages in the weeks to come.

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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