

January 26, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! We continue through Ordinary Time, seeking to use it as an opportunity to examine our discipleship and go deeper in our relationship with the Lord Jesus. What is the Lord asking from you today?

This Sunday after our 11:00 AM Mass, we have our monthly Fellowship Sunday. Please come and join your parish family for donuts and fellowship!

Some things happening at the parish this week:

Whenever a first Friday and first Saturday of a month are split, we always move our First Friday observance to the next Friday so that First Friday and First Saturday are together. And so, our First Friday and First Saturday observances for February will be February 7-8. Sign-ups for Nocturnal Adoration will be next Sunday!

Our parish tax letters went out last week. Regrettably, due to an administrative oversight, 108 letters had some missing donations. Those letters have been revised and were sent out this week. My apologies to the households affected by this mistake. *Thank you to everyone who contributed to the parish this past year!* Your fidelity to the tithe helps us to fulfill our mission!

Starting this Tuesday, January 28, our Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 10:00 AM will be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration and Confessions will follow Lauds until 11:20 AM. This means that we now have Confessions on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings!

This Saturday, February 1, at 11:00 AM, Binh Davis from our parish will be ordained a Deacon of the Catholic Church by our Bishop. The ordination is at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist. Parishioners are welcome to attend, although seating is “first come-first serve” and there are no guarantees that seating will be available. The Cathedral is located at 120 Broad Street, Charleston, SC. There will be no Confessions this afternoon. Vespers will still be prayed at 4:00 PM.

Next Sunday, February 2, our 11:00 AM Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Binh Davis’ Ordination. All parishioners are encouraged to come to this Mass and witness our new Deacon minister at the altar! A celebratory Fellowship will follow the Mass.

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:

Our next Saint Paula Luncheon for Widows is Tuesday, February 4, at 1:15 PM. All widows of the parish are encouraged to come. Monty Bennett, our Director of Sacred Music, will talk about the healing and encouraging power of music. For more information, please contact Carrie Scibelli: cscibelli@charlestdiocese.org.

Our next Formation Day is Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon. The theme is: *Understanding the History, Logistics, and Spiritual Power of Confession!* All are welcome!

Anyone who has been through an abortion is encouraged to go on a [Rachel's Vineyard Retreat](#). The retreat is focused on healing and restoration. I strongly recommend this retreat. If anyone needs help financially to attend the retreat, the parish will provide whatever assistance is needed.

I'm happy to announce that our Bishop will be visiting the parish on March 1, 2025. The Bishop will be visiting to confer Confirmation on the young people of our parish. Any young person who is in the process of petitioning for Confirmation will need to complete the process no later than *February 9*. If you have any questions, please reach out to Carrie Scibelli at: cscibelli@charlestdiocese.org.

Some general announcements for the good of the parish:

Many of you know how much I love Saint Paul and his apostolic writings. I'm overjoyed to host a [pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul](#) (Greece and Turkey) this June. I have not been to many of the holy places associated with the Apostle, but I know his writings and their context, and I'm eager to visit these holy places and celebrate Mass there. I'm extending an open invitation to anyone who is able and would like to come on the pilgrimage! Let's walk in the footsteps of Saint Paul together!

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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