

April 27, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Easter, Team Grace! We are still within the Easter Season and still celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Lord is Risen! He is truly Risen! Let us rejoice and give thanks! He is Risen! Alleluia!

We pray for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May he rest in peace. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals as they prepare for their solemn Conclave.

This weekend, April 26-27, we have sign-ups for our next Nocturnal Adoration (May 2-3). Please be generous with your time and give an hour of prayer to the Lord and your parish family.

Our annual Divine Mercy Service is this Sunday afternoon, April 27, from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. All are invited to come for Adoration, Confessions, and a time to hear and learn about God's love and mercy for us.

Some things happening at the parish this week:

I'd like to invite everyone to tune into my 365-Day podcast with EWTN, [*The Mass in Slow Motion*](#). The daily episodes are about 3-4 minutes long. Each episode highlights one aspect of the Mass and can help us all to better know and honor the mystery and power of the Mass.

Thanks be to God, in the coming weeks, work will resume on our Lourdes Hill and Mary's Grotto. The diocese and Comporium have worked out some contractual items and (finally) a pivotal power box has been moved to a different location. This now clears the way for us to begin grading Lourdes Hill. In addition, the weather is improving and so we can begin to work on the gradual slopes that will give us safe and easy access to Mary's Grotto. All things considered, we should have the Lourdes Hill and Mary's Grotto completed by early July!

As a reminder, we have the Church's formal Morning Prayer (Lauds) every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

This Friday, May 2, we have our monthly First Friday Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. The Rosary is prayed before the Mass at 6:30 PM. Confessions begin after

the Mass and are heard until Midnight. Adoration begins after the Mass and continues until 10:20 AM on Saturday.

This Saturday, May 3, we have our monthly First Saturday observances: Confessions are from 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM. The holy Rosary is at 10:30 AM, and our Mass of Healing with the Anointing of the Sick is at 11:00 AM. Our intercessory prayer teams and brunch 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 events I'd like to highlight:

For the past couple of years, we've been following a "chief of staff" model for the parish staff. Ryan Kubic has served as the Lay Administrator in this capacity. As the parish grows and business and pastoral demands increase, a broader pastoral structure is needed. And so, we're moving to a "team model" in which different directors supervise and facilitate essential areas of the parish.

Ryan Kubic is now our Business Manager and is in charge of all financial, business, and contractual areas of the parish. MJ Wallace is now the Pastoral Associate and is responsible for the faith formation, hospitality, liturgical planning, and pastoral outreach of the parish. Monty Bennett is in charge of sacred music and assists with liturgical planning. Wesley Dry is responsible for the care and maintenance of the buildings and grounds of our parish.

It will take us some time as a parish to fully become accustomed to our new structure. As a help, please review the chart of our [Pastoral Structure](#).

On Monday – Wednesday, May 5-7, Father Robert Morey will be back at the parish. Father Morey will celebrate our daily Masses and hear Confessions. While Father Morey is here, I'll be in Palm Springs, Florida, giving presentations to a convocation of priests on how to preach and teach on moral issues.

On Tuesday, May 6, at 5:00 PM, we'll have our next Saint Paula Dinner for Widows. During the dinner, Barbara Bancker will talk about the holy Rosary and our Rosarian ministry here at the parish. All widows are invited and encouraged to come!

On Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, we'll have one of our periodic Formation Days. For this Formation Day, we'll talk about *The Biblical Roots and Spiritual Power of the Papacy*. If we have a new pope by then, we'll also go over his biography and try to learn about our new universal shepherd. All are welcome!

On Sunday, May 11, we'll have our annual May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady at our 11:00 AM Mass. Things will be a little different this year since – due to weather patterns - we're moving the outdoor Crowning to May and the indoor Crowning to December. And so, the Mass on May 11 will begin as usual in the church. After the Mass, there will be a procession to the statue of Our Lady at the entrance of the campus and the crowning of the outdoor statue. After the procession and May Crowning, we'll have Fellowship near the flags. All are welcome to come and honor Our Lady!

On Monday, May 12, at 7:00 PM, we have our monthly Stations of the Cross for those who have left the practice of the Faith. Come and walk the Stations!

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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