

May 18, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Easter, Team Grace! As we continue our walk through the Easter Season, we rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus and ask him for his gift of peace.

Today is the Inauguration Mass of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. May God bless his apostolic ministry among us!

This Sunday, May 18, at 12:30 PM, we'll have a fellowship to celebrate my 50th birthday! *Everyone is welcome!*

Some things happening at the parish this week:

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 10:00 AM we publicly pray the formal Morning Prayer (Lauds) of the Church. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the prayers!

Next Saturday, May 24, at 8:30 AM, we have our next Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility. All parishioners are encouraged to come and join in this peaceful, prayerful protest against the horror of abortion. The facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC.

Our Mass intention book for the coming program year (July 1 – June 30) will open on Saturday, May 24, at 3:00 PM. I encourage people to make their Mass intentions as soon as possible since our Mass intentions for the year usually fill up pretty quickly.

Please note that in-person requests for Mass intentions will always be taken before those submitted digitally (i.e., via email or the parish's on-line giving service). Any Mass intentions that are digitally requested in the coming week will be put in chronological order based on their day/time stamps and will only be submitted after all the in-person requests for Mass intentions are made on May 24.

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:

Memorial Day is next Monday, May 26. As a nation, we pause and remember those who have died in defense of our freedoms. We'll have a Memorial Day Mass at 11:00 AM. A Procession and Blessing of a Memorial Wreath at the Holy Angels Columbarium will follow the Mass. Confessions will be heard before Mass from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. After the Mass and Blessing, the campus and church building will be closed in honor of the holiday. All other events are suspended.

On Friday evening, May 30, the parish is honored to host author and television personality, [Johnnette Williams](#). Johnnette is popularly recognized as the host of the EWTN show, [Women of Grace](#). We'll have a Sacred Music Concert at 6:30 PM and then Johnnette will give a talk on *Experience Grace in Abundance* at 7:00 PM. After the talk, we'll have a Fellowship and Book-Signing in the Parish Hall. Free copies of Johnnette's book on grace will be available to all participants.

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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