

June 22, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Corpus Christi, Team Grace! Today, we celebrate the Lord's presence among us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Lord Jesus does not leave us orphaned. He dwells with us in the Eucharist and is always available to us. Let us give thanks for so great a gift!

It's good to be home, Team Grace! It was a spiritual joy to walk in the footsteps of Saint Paul and learn more about the great apostle, but there's no place like home! It's good to be back!

This Sunday, June 22, at our 11:00 AM Mass, we will re-commission all of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs). These are the faithful men and women who regularly take Holy Communion to the sick and suffering. We thank them for their service!

Also this Sunday, June 22, our 11:00 AM Mass will conclude with a Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction. A Fellowship will follow the Benediction. All parishioners are encouraged to come and celebrate the Lord's Eucharistic Presence among us!

Some things happening at the parish this week:

In honor of Corpus Christi, we will begin to pray the Post-Communion Prayer facing the altar and will give the Final Blessing and Dismissal in Latin. We have been doing these at our daily Masses, and I'd like for them to now become the standard practice at all our parish Masses. These are just some additional practices that will help us to go deeper into the mystery of the Holy Sacrifice.

Please note that with our return to Ordinary Time, we suspend the *Regina Caeli* prayer and now pray the [*Angelus*](#) prayer before all our Masses.

Our focus continues to be on our Lourdes Hill (our front hill). The contractors are ready to initiate the work. Hopefully, the rain will stop and let them begin! Once the work starts, it will move quickly! The Bishop is tentatively scheduled to visit our parish on Saturday, August 23. It's our great hope to have the Lourdes Hill and Mary's Grotto completed by then so the Bishop can bless them. More details will follow as updates are given.

This Thursday, June 26, is the Feast Day of Saint Josemaria Escriva. We are fortunate to have a statue and a relic of the saint in our parish church. As such, the veneration of the saint's relic will be offered at the end of Mass. All are welcome!

Our next Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility is Saturday, June 28, at 8:30 AM. All parishioners are invited to come to this peaceful, prayerful protest against the horror of abortion. The facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC.

The [calendar for the program year 2025/2026](#) is now 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:

Please note that the church building and campus will be closed on Thursday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

Our next First Friday and First Saturday are July 4 - 5.

On July 7, the nine-day preparation for investiture (or devotional re-investiture) in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady will begin.

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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