

**June 29, 2025**

***From Father Kirby...***

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, we have a great gift. The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul falls on this Sunday and Mother Church has the solemnity replace the normal Sunday Mass. On this high feast day, we are invited to honor the two pillars of the Church, the two princes of Rome, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. May their faith inspire each of us in our own discipleship.

This weekend, we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration this coming Friday-Saturday, July 4-5. With our Nocturnal Adoration this month falling on our Independence Day, I invite everyone to come and pray for our nation and for peace in the world.

Some things happening at the parish this week:

Starting this coming week, our Tuesday and Thursday morning Confessions will now conclude at 11:00 AM. This new set schedule actually reflects the real flow of penitents. In addition, starting on July 16, we will also have morning Confessions on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

Please note that the church building and campus will be closed this Thursday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. May God bless the United States of America.

The observance of Independence Day will not conflict with our First Friday and First Saturday schedule this Friday – Saturday, July 4 – 5. Our regular First Weekend schedule will be observed.

This Friday, July 4, we have our monthly First Friday Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. The holy 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, July 5, 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. All are welcome!

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:

As a reminder, on July 7, the nine-day preparation for investiture (or devotional re-investiture) in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady will begin. There are many resources for this preparation, including my recent book, [\*A Journey to Mount Carmel, A Nine-Day Preparation for Investiture in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady\*](#).

On Thursday, July 10, we will not have daily Mass or Confessions. I'll be visiting Father David Rivera's parish in New Jersey to help with a Brown Scapular Novena. As you might recall, Father David was here earlier this month to help with our Masses, and so on July 10 I'll be returning the favor.

On July 10, we will still have Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 10:00 AM, followed by Adoration until 11:20 AM. At 11:30 AM, we'll have the holy Rosary. At 12 Noon, we'll have the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There is no Fellowship. *Please come and join your parish family for prayer!*

Our next monthly Stations of the Cross for those who have fallen away from the faith will be Monday, July 14, at 7:00 PM. All are invited to come and walk the Stations and pray for the swift return of all those who are fallen away.

On Wednesday, July 16, our Noon Mass will be our annual Brown Scapular Mass. All are invited to come and be invested (or devotionally reinvested) in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The parish is happy to provide scapulars to everyone who is invested or reinvested in the Brown Scapular.

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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