

July 13, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! The season of Ordinary Time covers the summer months. The relative peacefulness of the summer is a great opportunity to fan into flame the graces of Ordinary Time and dive deeper into our discipleship. Maybe it's time to work on our prayer lives, or do some Bible or other spiritual reading, or take on some service to those in need. This is the time to recommit ourselves to the Lord Jesus and seek to follow him more faithfully.

Currently, in the parish we have many people and families who are "in the orbit," meaning they are regularly with us but are not yet formal parishioners. To them, I offer this invitation. If Our Lady of Grace has become your spiritual home, please consider formally registering and being a member of our parish family. [You can register here.](#)

All parishioners are encouraged to regularly read the weekly eBulletin that is emailed to you every Saturday afternoon. If you are not receiving the eBulletin, please contact MJ Wallace at: mjwallace@charlestdiocese.org.

As many parishioners know, we are an on-line giving parish. Our weekly collection is mainly received sustained on-line giving by the members of our parish. I want to encourage all parishioners to switch to on-line giving. [Here's the link](#) for more information.

Some things happening at the parish this week:

The work on Lourdes Hill and Mary's Grotto is now moving pretty fast! It's great to see it all come together!

Our next monthly Stations of the Cross for those who have fallen away from the faith will be this 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.

Starting this Wednesday, July 16, our Saint Joseph Prayers will move from 9:30 AM to *after Lauds* on Wednesdays. The change of time is to help facilitate a greater participation in the prayers.

This Wednesday, our new Wednesday morning Confessions begin from 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

This 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!

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:

Currently, our parish is in need of certain sacred objects for worship. If any parishioner is interesting in donating one of the following, please email me directly: Jeffrey.kirby@charlestdiocese.org.

- Thurible and Stand \$2,300
- Ciborium and Veil \$1,000
- Umbrilina for the Blessed Sacrament \$1,400

On Sunday, July 20, we'll have sign-ups for our Saint Cecilia Girls' Choir. All girls and young women of the parish are invited to join the choir and serve God and our parish through sacred song.

Our next Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility is Saturday, July 26, at 8:30 AM. All parishioners are invited to come and join in this peaceful, prayerful protest against the horror of abortion. The abortion facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC.

In honor of Saints Joachim and Ann, the grandparents of the Lord Jesus, we'll be offering a special blessing to all the grandparents in the parish on Sunday, July 27.

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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