

July 20, 2025

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! The season of Ordinary Time is a wide open door that calls for reform and conversion. God is pouring out his grace and calling us to come closer to him. This is the time to assess where we are, repent, and move closer to the God who loves us and gave himself up for us!

Thank you to everyone who made donations toward the various sacred objects the parish needs for divine worship. *I'm very grateful for your support!*

This 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.

Many of you have asked for a written portion of the Concluding Rites, which we are now praying in Latin. [Here is the link](#) to those prayers in Latin. Please also note that the bottom of the weekly electronic bulletin also has a link to the prayers.

Some things happening at the parish this week:

It's amazing to see the progress on our Lourdes Hill and Mary's Grotto! Things are moving along quickly. Thanks be to God! Please continue to pray for this project and for our contractors.

Our next Prayer Outreach at the local abortion facility is this coming 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 grandparents next Sunday, July 27, at each Mass.

Our next monthly Fellowship is next Sunday, July 27, after the 11:00 AM Mass. During the Fellowship, we'll have cake and ice cream to celebrate my 18th priestly anniversary. I've almost been a priest for 18 years! And, Team Grace, almost nine of those years have been with you! God is good!

Our next Saint Paula Dinner is Tuesday, August 5, at 5:00 PM. All widows of the parish are invited and encouraged to come for fellowship and formation. Please remember to bring your copy of the Liturgy of the Hours.

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:

Last week, we inadvertently re-ran the financial report for June 29 in our electronic bulletin (rather than the report for July 6). In order to prevent this from happening again, our link on the electronic bulletin will now take you to all the weekly financial reports of the parish (starting from the most current).

Recently, we reassessed the demographics of our parish. I'm happy to give you this update:

- Over 60 – 36%
- 30 to 60 – 29%
- 20 to 30 – 11%
- 7 to 20 – 19%
- Under 7 – 5%

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 through 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.

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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