

September 7, 2025

*From Father Kirby...*

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! We are in Ordinary Time, and this is the liturgical season in which we are called to evaluate and assess our discipleship. Where do we stand with the Lord Jesus? How can we be more faithful disciples?

Some things happening at the parish this week:

I'd like to ask any members of our parish who are familiar with Alcoholics Anonymous to please reach out to me. I'd like to identify a few parishioners who can help us to launch an AA group at the parish. Please email me directly: [Jeffrey.kirby@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:Jeffrey.kirby@charlestdiocese.org).

Our Mary's Grotto is nearly complete. All we have left is the placing of the handrails and their inspection. It's our hope to move this process along and open Mary's Grotto as soon as possible for prayers and devotions!

Every Tuesday, our new Resurrection Bereavement Group meets. We currently have a morning session at 10:30 AM and an evening session at 7:00 PM. The group is a Catholic-based ten-week program for adult men and women to prayerfully walk through the grieving process together. Our morning session is going strong. Last week, we had no one show up for our evening session. We will keep the evening session active for a couple more weeks to see if anyone chooses to come. For more information, please reach out to Jackie Greene for the morning session: [jrgreene19@gmail.com](mailto:jrgreene19@gmail.com), or Sue Garera for the evening session: [susangarera@gmail.com](mailto:susangarera@gmail.com).

Starting this Monday, September 8, at 1:00 PM, Deacon Doc will resume our parish Book Club. For this module, the group is reading the book, *[Real Discipleship: How to Follow Jesus His Way – Not Ours](#)*. All are welcome to be a part of this engaging and fun dive into what it means to follow Jesus Christ. For more information, please reach out to Deacon Doc Donofrio: [bdonofrio@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:bdonofrio@charlestdiocese.org).

Starting this Wednesday, September 10, from 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM, we're launching a new monthly program for small children and stay-home parents. Entitled, "Eucharistic Kids!," the program consists of Adoration and playtime. All small children and their parents are invited! For more information, please email Rachael Kanetzke: [rachael.kanetzke@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.kanetzke@gmail.com).

This Thursday, September 11, our Noon Mass will be a Memorial Mass for the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. All are invited to come and pray for our nation.

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:

Starting Thursday, September 18, we will start to pray devotional prayers to Saint Josephine Bakhita at 10:00 AM (directly before Morning Prayer-Lauds). We pray for Saint Josephine's intercession to heal the victims of human trafficking and to end this evil practice in our society!

On Tuesday, September 30, we'll have two parish Town Hall meetings. The two sessions will be at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. During the Town Hall, we'll review the parish's master plan and answer any questions. All parishioners are invited to come and voice their questions, ideas, concerns, and hopes.

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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