

March 29, 2026

From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! We are spiritually in Jerusalem with the Lord Jesus. He is claiming his Holy City and showing himself to be the long-awaited Messiah. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

This weekend, four young men from our parish attended the Seminary Visit at Saint Joseph's College in Louisiana. We pray for their discernment! These four are in addition to the three young men of our parish who are currently in the application process for the seminary. The process should end in early May. I look forward to announcing good news soon!

Some things happening at the parish this week:

After Palm Sunday, we enter Holy Week, the most sacred time of our Faith. As we enter Holy Week, please note that our parish's liturgy schedule will have several changes.

Monday, March 30: The parish schedule remains relatively the same. Since we are in Holy Week, our Noon Mass will be indoors. I'll be away at county meetings during the day and so Father Nicholas Kramer will be offering the Mass and hearing Confessions in the afternoon. *Welcome back, Father Kramer!* There are no evening Stations of the Cross since the Stations during Holy Week are prayed at Noon on Good Friday.

Tuesday, March 31: There is no public Mass or Confessions at the parish. I'll be attending the Chrism Mass in Charleston with our Bishop. The parish schedule remains the same, except the Saint Peregrine Novena will be at 12 Noon and our afternoon Adoration is from 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM. The parish campus will close at 5:00 PM. All evening activities are suspended.

Spy Wednesday, April 1: The parish schedule remains the same, except the parish campus and church will close at 5:00 PM. All evening activities are suspended.

Holy Thursday, April 2: The parish campus and church will be open for personal prayer from 9:30 AM – 11:55 PM. There is no Noon Mass. All public devotionals and events are suspended. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7:00 PM. Adoration and Confessions will be available after Mass until 11:55 PM.

Good Friday, April 3: All regular activities are suspended. The parish campus and church are open for personal prayer from 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM. Confessions are from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM. The Solemn Stations of the Cross are at 12 Noon. The Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion is at 3:00 PM. Confessions are heard again from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

Holy Saturday, April 4: All regular activities are suspended. The parish campus is not open to the public until 8:00 PM. The Great Easter Vigil is at 8:30 PM. After the Mass, we have our annual Resurrection Party. All are welcome!

Easter Sunday, April 5: The parish will have its regular Sunday Mass schedule: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM.

Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday, April 6-7: The parish campus and church are closed. There is no public Mass. All activities are suspended.

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:

God is good, Team Grace! We have received additional large gifts, and so we now have **\$600,000** for Phase II of Mary’s Grotto. We have exceeded our goal of \$485,000. As we move forward, however, I ask for your continued support of our “Capital Projects.” I would like for us to have additional funds in case we exceed the original cost projections. If we don’t use the collected funds, we can roll the funds over to some of our other capital projects.

As a reminder, Phase Two of Mary’s Grotto will enlarge the size of the Grotto, extend its height, and add a large patio area with an outdoor altar in front of the Grotto.

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)!

In Christ,

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