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**MASSES**

Saturday 4:30 PM      Wednesday 8:00 AM (Not July)  
 Sunday 9:30 AM      Thursday 8:00 AM (Not July)

**WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made by contacting Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Available 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 AM (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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Clark Switalski, School Principal ..... (989) 662-6431

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of all (including the St Anthony site) evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5

## Week of April 11<sup>th</sup> ,2022

### "Holy Week"

#### Monday

257: Is 42: 1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

#### Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6b, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

#### Wednesday 8 am Mass

259: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

#### Holy Thursday 7 pm Mass/ 10 pm Prayer

Ex 12:1-8, 11 Ps 12-13, 15-16b 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

#### Good Friday 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross/

1 pm Service/ 2-6 pm Private Adoration Is 52:13-53:12

Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

#### Holy Saturday 8 pm Mass Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1-2:2 Ex 14:15-15:1 Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12

#### Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col3:1-4 Lk 24:1-12



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – RCIA Rite of Reconciliation 7 pm

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – No School

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – No School/Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – RCIA Reception after Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt after Mass!!!

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$23,316.70

Catholic Relief Services: \$20 Food Pantry: \$220

Children's Good Deeds

...I took care of my cat...I helped Mama pick up things...

...I folded towels...Making my bed...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The students have returned from spring break with a lot of energy! This is good because we have a lot of events at the end of the year! We also begin testing for our final NWEA next week and it concludes on May 20th. This is our summative assessment of the entire year, where we will know how much the students increased this year!

Please mark your calendars, May 4th at 2:15 PM we will hold a living rosary in the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to come and take part in this activity, and we would all love to see you there!

**Just a reminder...**SCRIP gift cards will be offered after mass **this weekend** in the Social Hall. Please stop by to help support AACCS and the Parent/Teacher organization

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## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee

Listen for the words from the Gospel that are repeated in today's liturgy. We continue to join those who praise God with these words each time we worship together in Mass. Decide how the blessed palms will be displayed at home. Many families have a tradition of creating beautiful forms with the palms. How does your family use the palms as a sacramental?

### Reflecting on the Word:



This is the first of two Gospel accounts proclaimed today, which focuses on the honor Jesus receives on his way into Jerusalem. The

second will relate the story of Jesus' trial, passion, and death. The people cried out with praise and then some of the same people later cried out "crucify him." Aren't there times we praise God and other times when we refuse to follow in the way of Jesus' as we enter this Holy Week let us reflect on how we respond to Jesus.

### Living the Word:

This is the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time in our liturgical year. Look ahead at the schedule for prayer times and liturgies at your parish. Especially try to attend the Triduum services on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If there are people in your parish preparing to join the Church, keep them in your prayers every day this week.

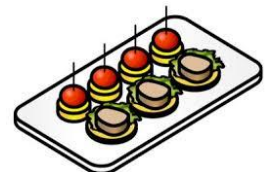
**Our Youth Ministry will be offering an Easter egg hunt after Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for children ages 10 and under.**



**Please return your Rice Bowls** to the Parish Center or put them in the basket along the south wall in church. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive.

### Finger Foods needed...

We are asking for donations of the following for the RCIA Reception taking place after the Easter Vigil Mass. *Fruit trays, cheese trays, meat and cracker trays, vegetable trays with dip, cookies, brownies, deviled eggs, cold cuts.* Drop off time will be from 6:30-8 pm on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. **Thank-you in advance!**





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Jesus' Death: (Luke 22)

Service

Each year we enter Holy Week, we begin by reading the entire passion narrative from one of the three synoptic Gospels. This year we read Luke's version of the story. Most scholars today agree that the stories of Christ's death represent the earliest traditions within the Church. Before the stories of Jesus' baptism, miracles, teaching and birth, the Church was concerned primarily with the story of his death. This can be seen clearly in the letters of Paul which pre-date the Gospel of Luke by three decades. Paul mentions almost nothing about Jesus' teaching or the events within his life. The message of Paul focuses directly on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' death was not simply the death of a great man. Rather, the early Church believed that through Christ's death and resurrection, God offered salvation to all who believed in him. Unlike the death of any other person Jesus' death was "for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3). The early Church understood this death to be the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation foretold in the Old Testament. The passion narratives are an attempt to convey not only the facts surrounding Jesus' death but, more important, the significance of Jesus' death. While based on historical facts, their purpose is primarily theological.

### Constancy:

Eileen Freeman, Celebration

Jesus was deterred by neither glory nor disgrace. As the sands of fame and fortune shifted all around him he remained in the center, constant in his faith, steadfast in his love. He looked beneath the ever-changing surface to the truth, grounding himself always in his faith. A true man for all seasons, he trusted his Father in all circumstances, from the shores of Galilee to the hill of Calvary.

Certainly, Jesus did not wish to die. His poignant prayer to his Father to provide another way reaches across the centuries to touch our hearts today. But when no other answer came, he did not waiver. In faith and trust, as Paul says, Christ accepted even death, death on a cross. In response, his Father provided a way exceeding all expectations, a way that made clear for all time his own constancy and steadfast love.

We need not leave today in an atmosphere of disappointment. We do recall the drastic shift in Jesus' popularity, the turnabout in the people's acceptance of his message—and this is sobering. But even more, with our palms and prayers, we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem as a triumphant prelude to the ultimate unfolding of his ministry. We exult in this culmination of all that had gone before, and we look to its fulfillment in God's saving plan.

### Determination:

Good News, Dallas, Texas

Just beyond the scope of our Gospel reading today, in the very next verse, Luke tells us that Jesus broke out into great heart-rending sobs. He saw the city gates rising before him, and in his mind's eye he saw the suffering that waited in the future. He doubtless foresaw his own agony on the cross. But he also could see the destruction of the city forty years later, when Titus surrounded the city during Passover of that year, and ultimately destroyed the entire city killing almost one million Jews. And perhaps, in his mind's eye, Jesus even saw beyond the suffering of the city, to the suffering of all humanity—all the murders, all the crimes, all the wars that wreck peace on earth throughout the centuries. No wonder he wept so bitterly on the parade day! It was the worst of times. But here is the good news of the day. Even though Jesus saw beyond the parade, all the way to his suffering and our failure, he did not turn around. He kept going, for us. And if that doesn't move us to praise God, nothing will.

### Palm Sunday:

Celebration

Last week, we met a crowd infected with contagious fury and ready to stone a woman for adultery. This week's crowd is enthralled with the spectacle of Jesus' entry into the Holy City. This crowd's praise might be as mindless as the fury of the former. In fact, Luke's account of the Passion gives us a crowd for almost every emotion. We have this jubilant crowd who praised Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, the tumultuous crowd who joined the religious leaders three times in demanding Jesus' crucifixion, and a mournful crowd of women who lamented his fate as he walked his way of the cross.

Jesus responded differently to the three crowds. When the Pharisees told him to rebuke the crowds accompanying him into Jerusalem, he defended the people singing his praises by saying, "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

Jesus made no reply whatsoever to the crowds who called for his execution. The women were the only group to whom he spoke directly. In anticipation of his prayer for forgiveness for his persecutors, he told them not to weep for him, but for themselves and the fate of the people who remained close to his message. By doing this, Jesus invited them to lament what he lamented, the tragedy incurred by the people who rejected him. He wanted the women in solidarity with him to lament with him rather than for him.

In Luke's Gospel, the only two who seemed to grasp and appreciate the meaning of the events of his passion were strangers. The first of them was one of Jesus' fellow victims, the dying criminal who believed that even in his dying, Jesus was indeed coming into his kingdom. The other was the centurion who, upon seeing how Jesus died, glorified God, and said, "Surely this man was righteous." These declarations of faith, one presumably by a Jew adjudicated as a sinner, the other by a gentile, were a sign of Jesus' fulfillment of his mission. More than the disciples, more than even the women, these two lead us toward understanding the saving effects of Jesus' death.

### Song of God's Servant: (Isaiah 50):

Celebration

This, the third of Isaiah's Songs of the Servant of God, helped the early Christians understand how their tradition prepared them to comprehend God's work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It was very likely in the back of Luke's mind as he wrote his narrative of Christ's passion. Jesus himself surely meditated on this song in relation to his own life and the fate he anticipated and accepted. This song helps us contemplate Jesus in the heart of his tradition and in relationship to the Father.

The last two verses could really provide the backdrop for Luke's proclamation of Christ's passion. Knowing that Jesus was familiar with this song, we might imagine it as his key to interpreting everything that happened from the time of his prayer in the garden till the moment of his death—and in fact, through his entire life on earth.

### Depth of Love: (Philippians 2)

Celebration

This hymn interprets Christ's *kenosis*, his self-emptying, as the core revelation of his incarnation and all that it implied. According to this, Jesus Christ—the best image we have of God—reveals that being like God is the opposite of grasping. God is self-emptying and humbling because that is what love is.

To call Jesus "Lord" is to say that the glory of the Father is self-giving love. The glory of the Father, as the Gospel of John points out, is revealed in the cross, in the love that won't stop loving. The glory of the Father is the opposite of grasping. The glory of the Father is the servant who washes feet as a sign of loving service.





# "Journeying Together"



Thank you to all who participated in or prayed for our parish as we walked together during this synod. Synodality is at the service of the Church's mission, in which all her members are called to participate. We hope all felt invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, in freedom, truth and charity.

In synodal style, decisions are made through discernment, based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit. Input gathered here at St. Gabriel will be provided to the diocese. Our Diocese will take the input of all parishes forward. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit, and may learnings and experiences provided by the synod fill us with joy, hope and a new energy for the future of the Church!



## Volunteers Wanted!

The Toni and Trish House is a guest house for the terminally ill, with care provided primarily by the volunteer staff, and they need volunteers! Are you compassionate, a great listener, kindhearted, empathetic, a conversationalist, a comforter, spiritual, peaceful, respectful, selfless server, and committed? If this sounds like something you would like to do **PLEASE** contact them at 989-662-6400 or [trishhouse@gmail.com](mailto:trishhouse@gmail.com)

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