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**MASSES**

Saturday 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM  
Sunday 9:30 AM Thursday 8:00 AM

**WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesday 8:00 AM (September-May)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Held on the second weekend of each month. Must be an active, registered member of our parish family.

Arrangements should be made by contacting Sandy DesJardins at the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

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

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Notify the Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, accident, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated each year in the fall.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month, at 11am, at St. Gabriel- East in the Sacristy, or any time by appointment.

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools close due to inclement weather, then day-time parish activities (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) are also canceled. The cancelation of evening activities will be decided and announced at 3:00 PM. Check our website, parish app, or Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.



# Holy Week

**It is not always easy to understand these profound mysteries of our faith, but over time, we grow in appreciation for our celebrations.**

## The Triduum

The liturgies of the Triduum can serve as primary teaching tools of the Catholic faith. The time from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday through the evening on Easter Sunday is referred to as the "Triduum," meaning three days. These days give us the opportunity to share in the mystery and power of God's love as lived out in the suffering of his son, Jesus. It is helpful to think of these days not as separate celebrations, but as one continuous remembrance in which we meet and follow Jesus.

### † HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lent ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The reception of the Holy Oils takes place and the Washing of the Feet is celebrated. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the place of Reservation. At the conclusion of our Eucharist, we are invited, as were the first disciples, to watch and pray with the Lord on the night before his crucifixion and death. We keep watch, here at the moment of Jesus' greatest need.

**Mass – 7:00 p.m.**

**Adoration – 8:00-10:00 p.m.**

**Night Prayer – Begins at 10:00 p.m.**

Please come and pray as a community of believers.

Ask God to bring healing to what is broken.



### † GOOD FRIDAY – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**Stations of the Cross – 12:00 noon**

**Service - 1:00 p.m.**

**Private Devotion – 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

The celebration of the Lord's Passion is celebrated with the altar stripped of ornamentation and the tabernacle is left open and empty. Mass is not celebrated on this day. The liturgy includes readings, prayers and intercessions followed by the veneration of the cross and concluded with Eucharist, reserved from our Holy Thursday celebration.

### † EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.**

The Easter Vigil is a rich moment in time in which we are drawn into Jesus' timeless victory over sin and death that is now ours. It begins near darkness, then a single candle is lit from the fire—the paschal candle. We will then listen to Scripture readings. When the Gloria is intoned, the lights of the church are turned on, giving a vivid symbol of the light that floods our lives through Jesus. Some of the symbols that make this liturgy so rich are fire, water, oil, light and darkness.

**Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus Christ is Risen!



## WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019

**MONDAY** 2:45pm AAC'S Stations of the Cross  
*Is 42:1-7 \* Ps 27:1-3,13-14 \* Jn 12:1-11*

**TUESDAY** 8:00am Word & Communion  
*Is 49:1-6 \* Ps 71:1-6,15,17 \* Jn 13:21-33,36-38*

**WEDNESDAY** 8:00am Mass  
*Is 50:4-9 \* Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 \* Mt 26:14-25*

**HOLY THURSDAY** 7:00pm Mass  
 8:00-10:00pm Adoration  
 10:00pm Night Prayer  
*Ex 12:1-8,11-14 \* Ps 116:12-18 \* 1 Cor 11:23-26 \* Jn 13:1-15*

**GOOD FRIDAY** 12:00noon Stations of the Cross  
 1:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 2:00-6:00pm Private Devotion  
*Is 52:13 - 53:12 \* Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 \* Heb 4:14-16: 5:7-9 \* Jn 18:1 - 19:42*

**HOLY SATURDAY** 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
*Gen 1:1 - 2-2 \* Ex 14:15 - 15:1 \* Ez 36:16-28 \* Rom 6:3-11 \* Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 \* Lk 24:1-12*

**EASTER SUNDAY** 8:30 & 10:30am Easter Sunday Masses  
*Acts 10:34,37-43 \* Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 \* Col 3:1-4 \* Lk 24:1-12*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, Apr. 15 6:30pm Choir Practice  
 Tuesday, Apr. 16 6:30pm Auburn Christian Quilters – WC  
 Saturday, Apr. 20 12:00noon RCIA Rehearsal

### Request for Finger Foods

"Finger foods" are requested for the Easter Vigil Reception on Saturday evening, April 20. They can be delivered to the St. Gabriel Social Hall that afternoon or prior to the service. The requested foods are cheese and crackers, fruit or relish trays, deviled eggs, desserts, cookies, cupcakes, trail mix, chips, pretzels, etc.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Easter Vigil & Reception

YOU'RE INVITED...

The Easter Vigil is our most important celebration of the year. Please come and join in this joyous event on Saturday, April 20, at 8:00pm. Alyssa Gulvas, Brookelynn Neal, Maggee Giles and Bella Breece will make their profession of faith and receive the sacraments of initiation.

A Reception will follow in the Social Hall immediately after the Vigil. All are invited to attend and celebrate with our new members and their families and friends.

### Adult Confirmation

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Confirmand (person receiving the sacrament) is enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit through the laying of hands and anointing with Holy Chrism. Confirmation brings the process of Christian initiation to completion. The lifelong journey of faith formation continues as the fully initiated develop spiritually and participate in the life of God. If you have not been confirmed and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, preparation sessions begin soon. The process is simple – call or email Sandy at 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org).

## Blood Drive at St. Gabriel

**April 30 from 3:00-8:00pm:** Blood is a most precious gift that anyone can give another person – the gift of life. A decision to donate blood can save a life or even several lives. Parishioners and community members are encouraged to donate! The donation process takes one hour from start to finish. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome as well. Scheduling is easy – sign-up sheets are at church, schedule online at [versiti.org/michigan](http://versiti.org/michigan) (St. Gabriel Parish event), or call the Parish Office to schedule. If questions, call the Parish Office.

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

Why do we rejoice today even before Jesus rises from the dead?

➤ **Reflecting on the Word:** As we take our palm branches before the procession today, we enter into the holiest of weeks in the liturgical year. Palm Sunday begins with our joining with the disciples of Jesus' time in rejoicing that the Messiah has come. The Gospel at the procession is clear that even creation knows that Jesus should be praised. When the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke his disciples, we hear that if the followers do not praise Jesus, then the stones will do so.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ❖ Thank you to all the families that attended our Prayer Service to celebrate Grandparents and Special Persons. We appreciate you!
- ❖ Flower Sales begin on April 15 with orders due on April 29. Pick-up will be on Friday, May 10, in time for Mother's Day. If you are interested in ordering, please contact a school family or call the School Office at 662-6431.



Children up to age 10 are invited to join the Easter Egg Hunt fun on Easter Sunday after the 10:30am Mass. The Youth Ministry is leading this event, which will be held on the grounds of St. Gabriel Parish.

### Vacation Bible School

**Calendar July 29– August 1: ROAR! Life is Wild 🐾 God is Good**  
 This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At ROAR, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 \* Offering: \$15,678.00**  
**Easter Flowers: \$141.00 \* Catholic Relief Service: \$45.00**

**CSA** (2<sup>nd</sup> Count): An additional 57 people responded with pledges/donations for \$14,100.00. Our total is now \$38,695.00. Our target is \$67,249. Onward Christian soldiers!

### Children's Good Deeds: My Good Deed was...

- ...clean up games
- ...helped my aunt pack the picnic
- ...helped my friend find Black Beard's treasure

**END-OF-SEASON FISH FRY & BAKE SALE** at Auburn K of C: Friday, April 19, 2:30-7:00pm. Take-out only (can be eaten on site but no buffet). Cost \$10. Baked goods sold separately. All are welcome.

# FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

## Palm Sunday

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

The week we call holy invites us to enter into the heart of our faith with our heads and hearts and feet. We will listen to the stories, feel the mix of emotions, and walk the stations that recall the final week of Jesus' life on earth. One way we might approach this week is through the vantage point of the three crowds Luke describes. Their diverse responses to Jesus have been repeated through the ages and probably in our own lives.

Pilgrims making their way to Jerusalem (known as the Holy City) for the feast of Passover were the majority of the first crowd. They were a diverse group: some more pious than others, some experts in the traditions, and others who had barely heard the stories.

The multitude, already in a holiday mood, began to chant a song that echoed the hymn angels sang at Jesus' birth. But this crowd's commitment was about as deep as the individual footprints they left. Although Jesus told the Pharisees that even the stones would join in the blessings, the excitement would fade as soon as the winds of danger blew onto the scene.

The second crowd, the ones who gathered during Jesus' trial, included the assembly of the religious leaders and an amorphous group called "the people." Pilate assembled this group and told them that he had found Jesus innocent of any capital crime, saying he deserved nothing worse than a flogging. But this throng, stoked up to shout and scream, raucously denounced Jesus and demanded that Pilate release a convicted criminal in his place. Pilate thus handed Jesus over to them.

If we wonder with which crowd we might be identified, we should look at where we find ourselves today. How do we publicly express our "Hosannas" when we are not in a crowd of happy, singing Christians? How often do we end up as complicit bystanders because we avoid speaking an unpopular opinion? Are we willing to appear as weak as the women who could do no more than walk and weep but allowed their presence to speak a potent message of solidarity?

### The Heart of a Servant (Is 50:4-7)

[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 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 through the moment of his death — and in fact, through his entire life on earth.

### Self-Emptying (Phil 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.

### Unexpected Witnesses (Lk 19-22)

[Celebration](#)

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.

### A Final Gift

[GraceWorks](#), Dallas TX

We know now, thanks to the larger context of history and the lens of faith, that Jesus knew the religious and political powers did not understand the depth of the irony in their brutal act. They thought they were doing away with a pesky preacher, silencing a temporary threat to the status quo. But in fact they were killing the very Son of God; putting to death the very one who loved them — and all of humanity — so much, that he would rather die than stop loving them. In truth they had no idea what they were doing, or to whom they were doing it. And as proof of this undying love in the face of hatred, Jesus offered them the gift they did not deserve, did not request, and could not understand. Jesus offered the gift of forgiveness. It is the fragrance shed by the rose on the foot that crushes it.

### Perception Matters

"The Three Days of Pascha," Nathan Mitchell, Notre Dame

"History" is the central focus of celebration during the Triduum. Certainly, the early Christian creeds anchored belief in the historical, worldly circumstances that accompanied Jesus' suffering and crucifixion "under Pontius Pilate." Jesus' life, career and death were, in other words, attached to a specific time, in a specific place.

Precisely because these faith-anchoring events are historical, however, they cannot be repeated or "reenacted." That is why the church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into the mystery of the assembly's liturgical/sacramental celebrations. What the paschal triduum actually celebrates is mystery, not history. The liturgies of these days do not "take us back" to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus' life — nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter's dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life — a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.





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