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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 2nd 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 1st 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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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 May 9th ,2022

Monday

279: Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

280: Acts 11: 19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 8 am Mass

281: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 8 am Mass

282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday

283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

54: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:13:31-33a, 34-35



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

It is Mother's Day. Besides your mother, think of one other person in your life who is like a shepherd. Who watches over you? Cares for you? Keeps you safe? Pray especially for that person and your mother.

Reflecting on the Word:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year we hear from a different evangelist who gives us a different perspective of the Good Shepherd. This year we hear that the sheep hear the voice of Jesus. At our baptism, we become part of the Good Shepherd's sheepfold. He personally calls us by name and know us completely. Like the sheep, we live in a community, and we all belong to God.



Living the Word

The parable of the Good Shepherd helps very young children know and fall in love with Jesus. Helping them form this relationship is foundational to their spiritual development. Read John 10:11, 14-16 and Psalm 23. Reflect together without preaching to your children and listen to their responses.

Youth Ministry



All high school and college graduates are invited to attend graduation Mass on Saturday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. A reception in your honor will immediately follow. RSVP to the parish office 662-6861 or parishoffice@auburnac.org

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 9th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 12th – Commission Meetings – 6:30 pm

Parish Council – 7:30 pm

Food Pantry Collection Weekend

Saturday May 14th – Middle School Fun Night 7-10 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$13,355

Catholic Relief Services: \$45 Food Pantry: \$4,726.48

Children's Good Deeds

...Yard work...Helped Papa rake leaves...

...Playing with Savannah...Being good for Grandpa...

...I helped out with a lot of chores to help clean the house...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The living rosary and May Crowning this past week were great examples of how our Faith can be displayed in the words and actions of our students. Experiencing Jesus in different ways helps the students open that pipeline of communication they will need with God throughout their lives. This week, the 1st graders are going to put on a wax museum for the school and their families also the 5th graders are going to camp! They leave on Wednesday and will return on Friday. There will be opportunities to pray, team build, and have fun before they say goodbye to AACCS as students and officially become alumni.

AACS is having a rummage sale! The sale will take place at the St Anthony gym May 19,20 & 21 during "Treasure Hunt Days." We will happily accept donations of the following items, (furniture,

kitchen/housewares, home décor, clothing, toys, books, etc.). There will be a trailer parked near the dumpster for donations. If you have larger items, please email awfd48@yahoo.com to set up a time to meet at the West Campus Gym. All the proceeds of the rummage sale will go towards updates in the school and the first item is to replace our 30-40-year-old carpeting. We have already begun the process and hope to have 3 rooms completed by the end of this summer. Any left-over items will be donated to various local charities

Thank you for your support!

...God Bless...



A Mother's Day Prayer



Dear Lord, I ask you to give thanks to all mothers who so generously and freely give love, comfort, and guidance to their children every day. I ask you, Lord, to give them strength to carry on doing their work. Give them patience and let them see that they are loved, appreciated, and respected. I thank you for the sacrifice each mother makes every day. And I pray you to bless them and touch them with your Grace. I pray this in your mighty name. Amen.

Mother's Day Quotes

If love is as sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love. **Stevie Wonder**

When you look at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know. **Mitch Albom**

Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother. **Lin Yutang**

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. **Abraham Lincoln**





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In these weeks after Easter, as the praying assembly continues to renew the relationships that it is privileged to share with the earliest believers in Jesus, we are also challenged to consider whether we are continuing the traditions of courage, character, integrity, and commitment that our forbears have so faithfully established. With Luke's help (Acts, first reading), we will become reacquainted with Paul and Barnabas; their zeal and dauntless perseverance in preaching the Good News, despite rejection and persecution, is intended to rekindle our own. In the gospel, the Johannine Jesus assures us that as we serve in the cause of salvation, no one can snatch or separate us from him who knows us each by name, calls us to himself and graces us with his continuing presence. John the Seer, in today's second reading from Revelation, offers us a vision of the glory that shall be enjoyed by those whose discipleship does not fade or fail.

Dedicated Ministry:(Acts 13) *Celebration*

Paul and Barnabas intended to settle for a time in the administrative center of the Roman province of southern Galatia. There, in the synagogue of Pisidian Antioch, they attempted to proselytize the large community of Jews. In a sermon (vv.16-42) that has been omitted from this excerpted text, Paul presented his listeners with the Good News of Jesus, beginning with the Passover from Egypt and culminating in Christ's own Passover from death to life, a Passover that made forgiveness of sins and salvation available to all who believe. Many chose to believe and fully commit themselves to Christ; others chose unbelief and vented their anger at the apostles. Paul and Barnabas' response, which is included in this text (vv.46-47), made it clear that their commitment to preach the Good News would not be deterred or compromised by rejection. Having resolved to live by costly grace, they continued to preach, expanding the scope of their ministry to include the gentiles.

Promised Victory: (Revelations 7) *Celebration*

With John's promise of no more tears, no more hunger, thirst, or blazing sun to beat down on them, his persecuted contemporaries found the strength and courage necessary to withstand the efforts of Domitian to squelch them. With the assurance that the survivors of Domitian's cruel regime would one day stand together before the throne of the lamb, they found the spiritual stamina required to remain faithful to Christ. Notice the ethnic diversity of the victorious heavenly throng (v.9); by emphasizing that it would be comprised of believers from every nation, race, people, and tongue, John underscored the catholicity or universality of the church. Although Christians had become *personae non gratae* in the empire ruled by Rome, there would be no such prejudice in the eternal kingdom ruled by Christ. *Everyone* who believes, i.e., all who wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb, will be welcomed.

Vital Choice: (John 10) *Celebration*

Recall the fact that the written gospel of John and the book of Revelation were products of the latter years of the first Christian century. A period of great upheaval due to the persecution enacted by Domitian, those years were fraught with difficulty for committed Christians. While the Roman emperor would have readily "snatched" believers from Christ to curry their reverence and loyalty for himself, the Jewish community was also exercising its influence to reclaim

those who had left their ranks because they had recognized and accepted Jesus as Messiah. However, the "sheep" who belong to Christ cannot be snatched away because the life the believer receives by virtue of his/her attachment to Jesus is a gift of God (the Father, v. 29). Since no power (not even the emperor's, not even death) is greater than God, our union with God is assured.

As we hear the words of this gospel proclaimed among us, the challenge to our faith and commitment to Jesus is renewed. Shall we recognize him as the living temple of God's presence in our midst? Shall we hear and know his voice and agree to follow him? Or shall we take up the rocks of disbelief and rebellion and reject his call to daily, deliberate, and total commitment? The choice is ours.

Sheep and Shepherd: Rev. Anthony Martinelli, *Service*

The Gospel reading is primarily about the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. It comes directly after Jesus' description of himself as the Good Shepherd. The image of the shepherd is a common one in the Old Testament and often has messianic connotations. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus is critical of the Pharisees, calling them hired hands whom the sheep do not listen to. His words recall Jeremiah, "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock" (Jer 23:1). Jesus, however, is the good shepherd "who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble" (Jer 23:4). The Pharisees, angered by Jesus' use of the image, ask him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you really are the Messiah, tells us in plain words." It is to this question that Jesus responds in today's Gospel. If the Pharisees were truly sheep of the shepherd, they would know the answer. They would hear his voice and respond. The answer to their question is also more than they bargained for: "The Father and I are one."

During the Easter season, the Church uses this passages to remind us that the resurrection of Jesus is not simply a past event that occurred to him. All those who hear Jesus' voice have a share in that resurrection. Eternal life is accessible to us now, if incompletely, to the extent that we follow the Good Shepherd.

Called by Name: *Grace Works*, Dallas, Texas

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to grieve her Lord's death, and instead she found an empty tomb. Still she did not think about resurrection, but assumed that someone stole the body of Jesus. When Jesus stood talking to her himself, she still did not realize it was him, but assumed he must have been a gardener. What an ironic moment, talking to the risen Lord while looking for the body of the deceased Jesus! But Mary's moment of truth, her moment of recognition, came when Jesus simply called her by name, "Mary." That was it. He did not perform a miracle, nor provide any proofs. He did not answer any theological questions about the afterlife, nor pass a series of test questions to prove his identity. All he did was call his sheep by name, and she recognized his voice. And for Mary, that made all the difference.

Is it any different for us today? What we want, what we really want, is to know that God knows about us, cares about us, and ultimately carries us safely across the shadow of death in his eternal arms. And more than this, we want to know that God actually knows us individually, personally, that He knows our name. Well, good news. According to Jesus, God does.





Food Pantry Weekend!

We will be collecting food for our pantry next weekend and would appreciate any help you can give us. We gave out 63 boxes of food in the month of May, so our cupboards are pretty bare!

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| Paper Towels | Toilet Paper | Tissues |
| Shampoo | Laundry Soap | Deodorant |
| Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Cereal |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Baked Beans |
| Sloppy Joe Mix | Canned Pasta | Boxed Pasta |
| Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sides | Canned Soup |
| Tuna Helper | Canned Tuna | Hamburger Helper |

CMA Update:

The most recent report from the Diocese indicates that \$72,208.60 has been pledged, with an outstanding amount due of \$5,357.60. Once all pledges are paid, approximately \$1,900 will be returned to St. Gabriel Parish. Please continue to pay your pledges and Thank-you to everyone who so generously supported this effort!



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Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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