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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 in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish \*Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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

**WEATHER POLICY**

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

## Week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### MONDAY

285: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

### FRIDAY 9 am School Mass/5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation

289: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

57: Acts 15:1-2, 22, 29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Diocesan Mass with 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Knitters – 10 am**

**PTO Meeting – 6 pm**

**School Committee – 7 pm**

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – AACS Spring Concert – 6:30 pm**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – CLOW/Nursery – 9:30 am**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$11,231.07

**Food Pantry:** \$60

**Children's Good Deeds**

...Helping my family...Helping Mom...Carried in groceries...

...I got the mail for my neighbor...Helped pick-up dog poop...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Clark Switalski, Principal**

This week was a great week! The students are really getting excited for all the end of the year events. We have a spring concert this week, our final 5<sup>th</sup> grade mass/graduation, mass at the Cathedral, and some other field trips. Busy is truly an understatement! **And don't forget**, if you have time during **Treasure Hunt Days**, here in Auburn, May 19-21, please consider coming to the West Campus Gym for our AACS rummage sale!



Love one another like I have loved you is the message Jesus shares with us this week. This sounds easy, but it isn't always especially when someone is being rude, disrespectful, or picking on you. Showing people, the proper way to treat us helps to reinforce Jesus' message. He is our Lord and savior and has been a Good Shepherd to all of us throughout our lives.

**...God Bless...**

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*How do you know you are really loved? How do you show other people how much you love them? What gifts and talents have we been blessed with that will help us act with love?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



“Love one another.” One simple sentence contains the heart of all Jesus teachings. More than that, Jesus says we are to love others as he loves us. Jesus lived his

whole life in service to others. At the Last Supper, he gave us a model by washing the feet of his disciples and telling them to follow his example. We each have different gifts and we are called to use those gifts in the service of others. That is how we love as Jesus loved.

### Living the Word:

Ask your children to recall their gifts and talents. Provide some paper hearts, a pen or pencil. On each heart have them write one way they can use their talents to show God's love to one another. Place all the hearts in a container to place on your prayer table. Each day, pray over the hearts and then choose one. Help one another to act upon that task. After this activity has been completed, discuss whether these actions helped each become stronger disciples of Jesus.

### 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](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

### Vacation Bible School

*Mark your calendar:* July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

For children in grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> (Fall 2022)

Help needed from youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church as well as at the Parish Office



*Help me, Lord, stay the path to glory”*



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter:**

*Grace Works*, Dallas, Texas

Jesus left the disciples with a final legacy. He left them in charge of continuing his mission, of establishing his Church. What an incredible trust Jesus must have had in them, and in us? But instead of laying out elaborate details of Church governance, or discipline, or organization, Jesus left the disciples with one simple command, “Love one another, as I have loved you.” Remember, he had just knelt before each of them, gird in the towel of a servant, and washed their feet. It was an embarrassing intimacy. It was difficult to even receive such a humble act. But with this act still fresh in their memory, they could not miss the point. To love as Jesus loved would create an entirely new kind of community.

Jesus knew that if the fledging Church was to survive the onslaught of opposition and the tedium of time, the disciples must forge a remarkable community. And the glue that would hold this community together was one simple thing; a remarkable love; a love grounded and modeled in Jesus himself. Without that love, the Church would be little different from any other benevolent organization. With that love as our defining characteristic, no Roman emperor or learned skeptic could destroy the Church. It is that important. As the Old Testament Law defined the public life of the Jew, so this one simple command from Jesus defined the Church.

### **All Are Welcome (Acts 14):**

*America Magazine*

The early church only gradually came to realize the relevance for Gentiles of what God accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The first reading narrates the report Paul and Barnabas gave to the Christian community at Syrian Antioch on their first missionary journey. Despite the negative reaction of many diaspora Jews to the good news proclaimed by Paul and Barnabas, “God...had opened the door faith to the Gentiles.” The integration of Gentiles into the previously Jewish Christian community posed difficulties for the original hearers of the good news. Next Sunday’s first reading gives an account of the so-called Council of Jerusalem in which the terms of this integration were worked out. In all these developments the glorified Jesus worked to draw all peoples to himself.

### **A New Jerusalem (Revelations 21):**

*America Magazine*

The excerpt from the Book of Revelation used as the second reading this Sunday offers us a visionary foretaste of the new creation to be revealed by God at the consummation of history. Even if, in the words of Paul and Barnabas, “we must undergo many trials if we are to enter into the reign of God,” that divine reign would eventually prove the value of the troubles that precede it. Newness is all when God comes to rule: “I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth...I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God.” For many Jews and Jewish Christians, the Roman devastation of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 must have seemed like the end of the world as they had known it. The promise of a new Jerusalem restored to the faithful by God. “Beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband,” aimed at encouraging those who mourned the recent tragedies of the earthly Jerusalem.

### **A New Commandment (John 13):**

*America Magazine*

The fifth, sixth and seventh Sundays of the Easter season always feature excerpts from the farewell discourse Jesus uttered at the Last Supper in John’s Gospel. On this Sunday we hear the opening of that valedictory address. Jesus took the departure of Judas from the upper room as a signal that he was entering into the hour of his glorification. “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him.” Such glorification—entry into the terrifying and annihilating glory of God’s presence—spelled doom for Jesus as one frail creature of flesh and blood: “My soul is troubled now, yet what should I say—Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” (Jn. 12:27-28).

Jesus could only become available for Greeks as well as Jews by surrendering the limitations of his fleshly existence as a first-century Palestine Jew. In betraying Jesus, Judas began the process of Jesus being “lifted up from the earth” and thus enabled to “draw all men to myself” (Jn. 12:32) Acutely aware of the pain this glorification would cause his disciples, Jesus urged on them a new commandment, mutual love. “Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other.” The distinguishing mark of the disciples of Jesus in the future will not be their attachment to the earthbound Jesus but the ability that the glorified (“lifted up”) Jesus gives them to love one another.

### **Preachers All:**

Joan De Merchant, *Service*

These readings keep us mindful of the fact that while evangelization is our responsibility, God is involved too. As insecure as we may feel about what we are called to do, we know that God often does speak to people through what we say and do. People are drawn to take a closer look at things on the basis of others who intrigue them. The “doors of faith” still continue to be opened in ways we do not understand—or see it is God who makes all things new, but God dwells among us and enables us to communicate that presence to others. In spite of our faults, people will be drawn to us and through us. That is the challenge and mystery of Church’s evangelizing role.

Perhaps the reading helps us to make sense of this. The best way to “discourse on the glory” of God’s kingdom is not through a barrage of words, but through the measure of love we exhibit toward one another. Evangelizers need not spend as much time at “telling” people things as they do at “showing” them. The splendor of God’s kingdom is not evident in dazzling media, enormous institutions, righteous verbalizations, or manifestations of historical continuity so much as it is in the simple love of people for one another. This is more likely to draw others than anything else. This commandment to us may in fact be the most challenging “trail” that we must undergo in our gospel witnessing. Accomplishing this may certainly prove to us—and to others—that in the end, it is God who does it all!

### **Transformed Lives:**

Rev. Anthony Martinelli, *Service*

The glorification of the Son of Man comes through the ultimate act of love and Jesus’ glory and his self-sacrificing love are bound together. Those who would share in Jesus’ life (and glory) must share in his love. Thus, the new commandment is to love as Jesus has loved.

We read this Gospel during the Easter season because it is precisely the glory of the risen Lord that is offered to all Christians through baptism. Through grace, we share in the very life of God. However, this passage also makes it very clear that the passage to glory is the passage Christ himself took: one of love. Christ’s resurrection offers us the opportunity to have our own lives transformed by God’s love. We still await the fullness of salvation, but as John says in the Prologue: “Of his fullness we have had a share—love following upon love” (John 1:16). Finally, Jesus offers love as the ultimate criterion of the Christian: “This is how all will know you for my disciples.” Once

again, we see the "proof" of faith in the resurrection comes from lives transformed by the risen Christ.



### Cemetery Pricing:

A proposal will be presented To Administration and Parish Council to increase prices at the cemetery. In general, each item listed below on the bulletin will increase by approximately \$100. We have not had an increase since 2019. Assuming that we get approval from the collective groups, the new prices will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022



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