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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 in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish *Currently Suspended or call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools 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 JUNE 1, 2020

MONDAY

572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY

354:2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16 Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY

355:2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1b-2 Mk12:18-27

THURSDAY

356:2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY

357: 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157,160-161,165-166,168 Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY

358: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17,22 Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY

164: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn3:16-18



Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee
 Today is an opportunity to reflect on the connection between the Gospel & the liturgy. Ask your children what Jesus says twice to the disciples. When will they say the same words in the Mass? What is having peace like? What is it like to give and receive peace?

Reflecting on the Word:

It is now 50 days since Easter Sunday, and we complete our celebration of Easter with Pentecost (*pentecoste* means “fiftieth”). Notice that twice Jesus says, “Peace be with you” to the frightened disciples. In the same encounter, he gives them the power to forgive sins. Sin is a rupture in our relationship with God, with others, and even with ourselves. It is difficult to experience peace when we are out of a good or right relationship.

Living the Word:

The feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and institution of the Church. Punctuate your family’s feast with touches of the color red: red roses red tablecloth, red cake (with 7 candles to signify the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit) Have your children make simple paper doves to decorate your prayer space. Pray the sequence for Pentecost (Veni, Sancte Spiritus) in English, Latin (or both).



The Holy Spirit comes to us bearing gifts, we need to look for them.

Here’s some help.

Have you intuitively known how to handle a situation in your family?

That’s wisdom.

Have you stopped yourself from getting angry with your child long enough to think about what it feels like to be in his or her shoes?

That’s understanding.

Have you clearly and firmly stated your beliefs about right & wrong to someone in your family?

That’s counsel.

Have you hung in there when you wanted to throw in the towel?

That’s fortitude.

Are you open-minded, letting go of superstitions, prejudices, & small-mindedness?

That’s knowledge.

Do you realize you need God’s help and that all life is a gift?

That’s piety.

Have you felt awe, perhaps like the first time you held your child?

That’s Fear of the Lord.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

We will continue with the following Mass schedule to keep attendance at mass to 25%: **June 6th & 7th G thru K; June 13th & 14th L thru P; June 20th & 21st R thru Z**

* Regular weekday masses will also resume on Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4th

*PLEASE REMEMBER MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL APPLY. Thank-you for cooperating

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$6,380

Food Pantry: \$450 Priests Retirement: \$90

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish financially during the cessation of masses. It is truly appreciated!

Children Good Deeds

Hopefully the children have continued the good deeds while staying at home!

Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard



Do you know why.....the priest breaks the host

(breaks the bread) as we begin our final preparation for the reception of communion? We might recall that Christ himself “took the bread and broke it.” This breaking of the bread was a preparation for the distribution of the bread to his disciples. In the early Church the only action that occurred between the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion was the “the breaking of the bread.” This action is seen as a sign of unity=participating in the one bread which is broken, all form one body in Christ. The use of smaller “hosts” began the diminishment in importance of this rite the “breaking of the bread.” Finally, it was only the presider who consumed the larger host that was broken. The element of sharing in the one bread almost disappeared. The new order of Mass tried to return to the original meaning of this most important ritual within our celebration while we still use smaller hosts, the large bread is often increased in size. This is done so that the breaking of the bread has both increased significance and, also affords the possibility of sharing with others. At Mass, the large host which is broken is placed in one of the ciboria and shared with others who come forward for communion.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



The school year officially ended on May 29th. This week we will work on gathering all the materials passed out, while having a parade for our 5th grade graduates. If you would like to take part in the

celebration, vehicles can drive through the parish parking lot on June 5th from 6:55 till 7:25 pm. Celebrating the 5th grader’s last year at our school is an important step for all of them and their families, and if you feel comfortable, drive thru and honk your horn at them. I would love to see you too!

This week Jesus visited the disciples, breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. This shows the disciples that Jesus lives through the works of the Holy Spirit and their words & actions. When they go out in his name, spreading the good news to the world. Daily, we have the opportunity to be a light in the darkness, to be a disciple of Jesus. Our parish and school have wonderful gifts to go out and be these examples to everyone we encounter. I have read many instances of people praying or helping during recent floods. Know these are works of the Holy Spirit in all of you, making a difference

✠ **God Bless**



“Come, Holy Spirit enkindle me in the fire of your love”



FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK

Feast of Pentecost

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Luke and John offer two very different renditions of the gift of the Spirit to the community of faith. In Luke, it happens after 50 days: a final 40-day tutorial during which the risen Lord appeared to disciples until the day of his ascension. After a 10-day period of retreat, the Spirit dramatically invades the gathered community with the result that they cannot help but share their Gospel.

John paints quite a different picture. In his depiction, on the very day of the resurrection, the risen Jesus breaks into the midst of the closed-off and fearful disciples to offer them peace. Before all else, this gift of peace comes in the form of forgiveness. This is the first encounter of the risen Lord with the disciples who had abandoned and betrayed him. Their locked doors one more sign of their lack of faith. Yet, Christ breaks through it all with the offer of peace. This profoundly humbling moment, a replay of sorts of Jesus washing their feet. As he greets them with peace they know all too well that they don't deserve his acceptance. They have proven themselves cowards and traitors, and he's proclaiming his love for them just as they are. The risen Lord appears in their midst in the most unexpected way. He shows them his hands and his side, signs of an irrevocable past. Nothing can change what happened. But just as truly as he is free from death, he offers them freedom from being determined by their past.

The community born out of Pentecost is a community of the forgiven who are commissioned to forgive. These are people who must never forget either their origin or their destiny: They are a gathering of the frail and failing called to strengthen one another.

New Beginning: (Acts 2)

Celebration

Luke's lack of details in this narrative is so unusual that it must have a purpose. When did this happen? When the day of Pentecost "was fulfilled." Pentecost which came 50 days after Passover was a harvest feast which included a remembrance of how God's gift of the law was accompanied by fire and sound from heaven. The word "fulfilled" mysteriously intimates that a new phase of history is about to begin, completing all that went before it (Luke:9:51).

Where were the disciples when this happened? Location is the least of Luke's concerns. He says literally, "They were one accord, together," indicating that being together in heart and mind was the essential point; the space they occupied mattered little in comparison to their attitude. Luke offers no material details until he describes the group's experience. A sound like wind and tongues as of fire were the outward signs, but the key detail is that the community was suddenly enflamed with the Holy Spirit.

By telling us that Jerusalem was home to "devout Jews of every nation under heaven," Luke brings a new crowd into the story. In his Gospel he had spoken primarily of the disciples, unsophisticated Galileans, the leaders with their underlings and a few other characters. Now the focus is on a crowd that represents chosen people from the entire world. The horizon has become limitless.

The Common Good: (1Corinthians12)

Celebration

When we recognize faith as a gift rather than an accomplishment or status, we acknowledge that we aren't writing the script. Paul is saying that every gift, every call to serve, every advance in the reign of God is a work of God. We don't decide who gets what; we can only choose how to use what we are given. Although it may seem counterintuitive, Paul called the community to build their unity by enhancing their diversity. The destructive power of factionalism comes from the closed mindset and competition of the parties. When each side assumes that their truth is the only truth, they are claiming ownership of the Holy Spirit rather than stewardship of the Spirit's

gifts. When each group learns to humbly recognize that the Spirit's gifts are given to them for the good of the whole, they can learn to play their part in furthering God's work in their world. Paul uses the image of the body to make it startlingly clear that self-serving divisions create mortal danger for the community.

Gift of Peace: (John 20)

Celebration

Jesus becomes present and greets his disciples twice with the word "peace" or *shalom*. This is no rote greeting; it recalls the Last Supper when Jesus pledged to give the disciples his own peace, a sense of inner wholeness unlike anything the world can give. His first greeting of peace was an expression of love and forgiveness. No matter what fear had led the disciples to do in the past, he was there for them to give them his peace. Greeting them with this blessing of peace was the first gesture of bestowing his Spirit on them. The *shalom* of his forgiveness was the necessary interior condition for receiving his Spirit.

In between his two blessings of peace, Jesus showed his disciples his hands and feet, not only as proof of who he really was, but also as evidence that death had no more power over him than did rejection or betrayal. Having seen that sign, the disciples were prepared to receive a peace they never could have imagined without knowing Jesus; it was the peace of the one who could forgive as freely as he gave his life (John 10:17-18).

Jolt of the Spirit:

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

If you've been watching TV hospital dramas for a long time you may remember Dr. Kildare. Richard Chamberlain played that role back in the 1960's. More recently you may have viewed programs like "ER," "House," "Scrubs," "Grey's Anatomy" and "General Hospital" to cite a few. A dramatic moment in many hospital dramas is when the patient's EKG monitor stops beeping. The once pulsing line on the screen goes flat and a dull, warning tone signals that death is only seconds away.

It's time for fast action, and the famous defibrillator comes to the rescue. The doctors place the electric pads on the patient's and dramatically shout, "Clear!" The patient rolls under the shock of 200 joules and sags back motionless. The charge is increased and. Just in time, the second try re-starts the heartbeat. The flat line breaks into little pops of life, and the dull tone returns to happy beeping.

Sometimes, when our faith life flatlines we need the power of Pentecost to jolt us back. As described in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit descended as tongues of fire. "Divine lightning" zapped down, touched the disciples, empowering them to go forth, preach the Gospel to all nations.

Be Ye Opened:

Ted Wolgamot, *Celebration*

Pentecost, the feast of locked doors becomes a feast of confrontation, of challenge. It doesn't just let us sit back and be amazed at it's amazing imagery of fire and wind and blown-open doors. It demands that each of us search our own soul to answer the challenge of deep self-exploration: Where are the locked doors in our lives? Where do I find our own selves isolated in fear, living behind emotionally sealed doors, hanging on to anger and refusing to come out of hiding? Pentecost is not just something miraculous and stupedous that happened some 2,000 years ago. It's an event that needs to happen in each of our lives—now!

One Body:

Grace Works, Dallas, Tx.

On this Pentecost Sunday, the Church gathers to celebrate her spiritual birthday. But as we do, we recognize again that the gift of the Holy Spirit that breathes life into the Church does so by transforming individuals of faith into a community of faith. No matter our society's thirst for individual heroics, the Spirit of God creates and animates the Church to be people who play like a team, who blend their different gifts and stories into a whole that is more than the sum of its parts. The Church is a great patchwork quilt, carefully and skillfully stitched by the Spirit of God out of scraps of cloth that would be almost useless on their own, but breathtakingly beautiful when sewn together



Congratulations to all Graduates!

The parishioners of St Gabriel Parish would like to say "Congrats" to ALL students graduating, including 5th graders moving on to middle school, 12th graders graduating from high school, and college graduates receiving their degrees. We know that this may not have been the celebration you imagined but know that we are very proud of you and wish you well in your future!

Online Giving...

During these uncertain times, your parish still needs your support. Do not forget the availability of online giving. You can go to the parish website and "click" online giving, you can also go to My parish App or use the link below. Your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are.
<https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds>



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at a standstill with the shutdown as Lifetouch has closed per the executive order in their state. Know that we are still in the process and hope that we will have it completed in the near future and then get it to the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!

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