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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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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 JUNE 7TH, 2021

MONDAY

359: 2 Cor 1:1-7 Ps 34:2-9 Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

360: 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133, 135 Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

361: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

362: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

171:Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Eph 3:8-12,14-19 Jn 19:31-37

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

364: 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 573: Lk 2:41-51

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

92: Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 10th – Commission Meetings - 6:30 pm
Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$14,897.51

Food Pantry: \$2010 Diocesan Collections: \$165

Children's G☺😊 Deeds

...I got my Dad a glass of water...Babysitting my sister...

...Babysitting my sister in her crib...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The flower sales that were held this month were a resounding success! Thank you to all who bought flowers to help support our PTO organization! The PTO does a lot for our school throughout the year including (but not limited too) beginning of the year, Christmas, Catholic Schools week, teacher appreciation week, classroom support, and end of year festivities. *Thank you, PTO, for helping support our children and staff!*

This past week also marks the end of school for the 20-21 year. I would be lying if I told you it was easy, but many times the most meaningful issues require as much or more effort to make them work. It took a collaborative effort from all parties of St. Gabriel Parish to really make this year work,

with all sides making concessions and compromises. Thank you for a successful year, and I hope everyone enjoys a nice summer season!

The Gospels this week talk about the installation of the Eucharist given to us from Jesus. The gift allows us to serve as a holy place for Jesus to dwell. I will be the first to admit that it is hard to think I can be worthy of such an honor because I make mistakes; I can lose my temper, raise my voice at my children, or make snide comments trying to be funny. Even with my shortcomings and failures, I do end up at the same place every weekend asking for God's forgiveness and seeking his redemption through Mass on Sunday. This weekend celebrates our ability to be a part of this special sacrifice, and I thank God for the chance and opportunity to try and be the best version of myself at every point throughout the day.

... God Bless...

Cantor Scheduling: On June 7th at 6:30 pm in the church, we will be scheduling cantors for 6-13-21 through 8-29-21. For your questions or concerns please contact Sue LeVasseur at musicdirector@auburnac.org

Reflecting on the Word:



In today's Gospel, the disciples are asked to prepare for the Passover meal, and they actively do so. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion, we imitate that Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

We welcome Christ not only into our presence, but also into our bodies in a very intimate way. But just like the disciples, we need to prepare ourselves and our surroundings for Christ's presence. We need to prepare our bodies and our souls for Christ's presence. How full of wonder and thanksgiving we should be to welcome him into our lives in such a way!

Living the Word:

On today's solemnity, prepare your own table as though Jesus was coming to break bread with you. Ask your children to help you lay a fancy tablecloth and tableware and set flowers or candles to create an atmosphere of hospitality and formality to your meal. As you dine together, ask how you would serve Jesus. What conversations would you have if Jesus were present?

Vacation Bible School Days!



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K-5th grade (Fall 2021), July 27–30
from 9 am –12 noon

Registrations are due by Monday, June 28th

No registrations will be taken on Tuesday, July 27th

Youth volunteers needed grades 6–12 (Fall 2021)

All forms are available at the school entrance, the Parish Center or by email request, parishoffice@auburnac.org

Employment Opportunity!

Youth Minister — We are looking for a person who enjoys working with youth, grades 6-12. You would be responsible for the development, organization, and administration of programs to fulfill the catechetical mission of our parish. This includes catechetical formation, community building, service opportunities, planning and implementing programs and events that lead our youth into a deeper life of discipleship. Please send resume and three references to Father Tom or to parishoffice@auburnac.org A job description is available at the Parish Center.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the LORD," to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

May your mind be filled with God's thoughts...

May your bodies be filled with God's strength...

May your hearts be filled with God's dream for you!





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Corpus Christ:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Christians believe that because of the blood covenant forged by the sacrifice of Jesus, all other covenants have paled in significance. In today's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews stresses the uniqueness of the blood pact made by Jesus. Appealing to fellow Jewish believers in Jesus who were growing less than fervent in their faith, the ancient writer affirmed Jesus' roles as high priest, as the once-and-for-all perfect sacrifice, and as the mediator of a new covenant sealed with his blood.

What the Hebrews author has explained theologically, the Marcan evangelist narrates with dramatic and profound simplicity. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it, aware that his very self would soon be taken, broken and given so that sinners would be blessed with healing and forgiveness. At every Eucharist, this narrative is remembered, Jesus' actions are repeated, and believers enter anew into the triple dimension of Jesus' gift. Rooted in the past (the sacrifice of the cross), alive in the present (the gift of his very self as real food, real drink) and offering a taste of the future (the anticipation of the liturgy of eternity), this holy memorial is the source of our strength and unity and the sustenance that feeds our faith, fires our hope and inspires our love. This act of holy remembering is also charged with a challenge: Those who are fed by Jesus and bound to him, to God and to one another through his blood-sacrifice are to be similarly taken by him, blessed, and broken like him, given as he was so that others might know something of his life and goodness in us.

Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 24):

Celebration

All through both testaments, there is ample evidence that blood was regarded as sacred and was appreciated as essential to life and the exclusive property of God, who is the author of life because of its sacred character, blood figured very importantly in the relationship that Israel was so privileged to share with God. While the Israelites were enslaved among the Egyptians, blood on the doorposts and lintels of the Israelites' homes served as a sign of protection and delivered them from death (Exod 12:9-14). After being led to freedom and to a future that held out the hope of a land of their own, the people of Israel sealed their new relationship with God with the blood of sacrificed animals. This action is referenced in today's first reading. Blood splashed on the altar as well as on the people served as a blood pact, sealing the covenant. Such an action implied that those bound to one another by this covenant of blood would rather die than breach their relationship in anyway. However, as history attests, the Mosaic covenant was broken repeatedly. Nevertheless, and due to God's great and generous mercies, this covenant was also renewed repeatedly; that is, until the covenant made between God and all of humankind in Jesus Christ.

Covenant of Jesus (Hebrews 9):

Celebration

In this text, the Hebrews author has compared the priesthood and the sacrifice of Jesus, as well as the covenant he meditated, with their counterparts in Jewish tradition. In each instance, Jesus and his saving actions have been present as the unique fulfillment of the promises in which the Jews had hoped and through which all of humankind has been saved.

Whereas former high priests were required to make atonement for their own sins as well as those of the people (Lev 16:1ff; 23:26ff), Jesus, who was sinless, atoned solely for the sins of others. Similarly, whereas animal sacrifices were repeated to atone for the repeated sins of the people, the sacrifice of Jesus had a once-and-for-all quality that accomplished perfect atonement.

In the same way, just as the covenants of former times were breached and renewed, the covenant that was made through the

sacrificial action of Jesus has forged a new and unbreakable bond that will stand forever.

New Passover (Mark 14):

Celebration

As reflected in this text, the evangelist was careful to affirm that the action of Jesus coincided with the Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Passover. In that action, the Testaments converged, as the significance of the Jewish feasts were fulfilled in Jesus. What had been the pivotal event in Jewish history, the Passover from slavery to freedom, now became the basis for understanding the passage that Jesus struck. Through his sacrifice, sinners are redeemed, and empowered to make the passage with him through death to life.

That passage would thereafter be remembered and celebrated each time the post-Resurrection Christian community repeated this rite of bread and wine. Scholars agree that the cup of wine Jesus offered and with which he identified himself was probably the third cup, traditionally drunk at the Passover meal. Jesus' interpretation of the cup ("which will be shed or poured out for many") is reminiscent of the action of the suffering servant (Isa 53:11-12) and sheds light on the character and purpose of his approaching passion and death. In his dying, Jesus would become the ultimate servant and the uniquely effective Passover sacrifice by whose broken body and poured-out blood the salvation of humankind would be realized.

Nostalgia/Memory:

Father James Smith, *Celebration*

If we are to do what Jesus commanded, we must distinguish between memory and nostalgia. Nostalgia is defined as "a desire to return to a former time in one's life." But Jesus is not interested in reminiscing. He is not asking us to recall that balmy day on the lake or that exciting time of quelling a storm or that glorious time of being transfigured on a mountaintop. The Mass is not a nostalgic trip.

Nostalgia is about the past; memory is about the present. Nostalgia transports us back in time so we can recover faded feelings. But memory brings the past into the present so we can bring to life now what might have been buried in the past. At Mass, we are not trying to feel what Jesus and his friends felt at the Last Supper. That is a good thing to do in private meditation—entering into similar feelings gives us emotional equality, helps us share their lives. But the Mass is not about emotion. The Mass is about the broken and bloody body of Jesus sacrificed for us.

Which means that doing it in his memory is more than eating bread and drinking wine, even if they really are his body and blood. To remember his death directly involves us in his life that brought him to that death. Nostalgia merely reminds us of what Jesus did *then*. Memory reminds us of what he is doing *now*.

God's Family:

Grace Works, Dallas, Tx

Family may be the most difficult word to define our contemporary experience. All of us have been blessed by and wounded through the relationships we call family. But before this table, in this place where we are gathered for worship, we glimpse again God's commitment to us to be God's family of body and blood, life and joy, grace and giving. On this Lord's Day, when we remember the body and blood of Christ, what better way to celebrate the ties that bind us to our Savior and each other than to choose once again to be God's beloved family. To choose God's family is indeed to choose life. We all know how challenging family can be. But here, nourished by the food on this table, held by a grace that never lets us go can we become what God created us to be, blood family in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**"I give thanks, Lord,
for the Bread of Life."**



CMA Update:

As of May 28th, the total amount of pledges is **\$75,725**,

with a remaining pledge balance of \$3,094.88 and \$72,620 already collected.

Thanks to everyone who helped us exceed our goal!

Food Pantry

We would like to ask for your help re-stocking our food pantry. You can bring your donations to the Parish Office during the week or drop them off at church next weekend when you come for Mass. A sincere thank-you for the **GENEROUS** donations over the last year. You have made it possible to serve 40-50 families a month!



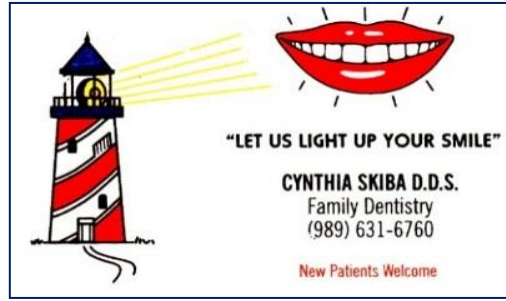
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