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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
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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**
***Please 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 evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

WEEK OF JULY 6, 2020

MONDAY

383: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

384: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-7b, 8-10 Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

385: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

386: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

387: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

388: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

103: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." What are your thoughts on this statement? What burdens (physical, emotional, or spiritual) do you want to give over to Jesus?

Reflecting on the Word:

All of us feel weighed down sometimes because of worry, fear, anxiety, despair. When we hang on to these burdens, they grow heavier and heavier until it is difficult to move at all. Jesus urges us to come to him, share our burdens with him, and allow him to lighten the load we carry. When we open ourselves fully to Jesus, asking him to help us bear even our deepest darkness

Living the Word:

Fill two one-gallon milk jugs (one for each child if possible), with enough water so that they have some weight but are not too heavy for the child. Ask your child to pick them up, and to tell you whether they feel heavy. Have your children pick up a jug and hold it straight in front of them. Use a timer to see who can hold the jug the longest. Then discuss the following questions: Why did the jugs feel heavier the more time that passed? How does this feeling relate to the Gospel?

PARISH ACTIVITIES

This is the updated attendance schedule:

July 11th & 12th - A thru K

July 18th & 19th - L thru Z

Please remember that a mask is required as well as practicing social distancing, 6 feet apart. Thank-you!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$10,268

Mission Co-op: \$155 **Priests Retirement Fund:** \$717

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish so generously. It is truly appreciated!

Children G😊D Deed

...Helping clean the camper...I sorted the recycling...

...Cleaned up my room...Helped feed our dog Willow...

...Helped Papa after his surgery...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week I was reminded of the generosity and kindness everyone has shown at St. Gabriel's and AACCS. The amount of support you have all shown has been noticed and I, for one, really appreciate it. Whether it is pantry donations, extra giving, or even prayers, all of you have been amazing in your support for the parish and school. I applaud and thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

The Gospel this week talks about how God is our comfort and saving grace. The hardships we endure and go through are easy for God to handle, and when we turn to God, he is there. Jesus is there to provide us rest. I am often distracted with world, school, or personal events, which can sometimes make life difficult. Turning to God in prayer is definitely one way I have found respite from these events. When I am weary and tired, God lifts me up and helps provide me with some sanity in a world that doesn't always appear sane.

AACS is currently looking for (2) part time aids for the 2020-2021 school year. These positions are part time from 9 AM until 12:45 PM Monday through Friday. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please send your resume and 3 letters of recommendation to Clark Switalski at cswitalski@auburnac.org. Job descriptions will be furnished upon requests.

✠ God Bless

Job Position(s) Open:

With a desire to prepare for the Fall of the year, we are opening a search for a maintenance/janitor position. Depending on the availability of an applicant, we either will go with one full-time person for both the St. Joseph and St. Anthony sites, or two part-time people. Job descriptions are available upon request from the parish office. Interested individuals are asked to submit a resume and 3 letters of recommendation



Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

Do you know why...we have a time of reflection after communion? Private prayer after communion has long been a tradition within the church. It is time for us to converse with our redeemer and to offer thanksgiving for all that we have. This period of reflection and silence comes to completion with the prayer after communion. This prayer is not one of thanksgiving. The Eucharistic prayer is our great prayer of thanksgiving. Rather this prayer asks God that the spiritual fruits and effects of the Eucharist may root in our hearts. We ask God that what we have celebrated and the Eucharist which we have received might have an effect in our lives.

Please Note: The Pastor will be on vacation in AuGres for the month of July. Fr Jerry Balwinski will be our guest celebrant July 11th & 12th, 25th & 26. Fr Jack Johnson will be here July 18th & 19th.

You are reminded that Bishop Gruss cancelled the missionary cooperative program this year. There is an envelope in your July packet for that purpose, please discard the envelope.

Parishioners in the response brought on by our Food Pantry. Generous amounts of food and money (roughly \$10,000!) have been given. The need continues. We are no longer restricting the hours for the pantry. It is open everyday that the parish office is open. Needs will continue to be placed in the bulletin, with monies received being spent on items not received. We are most grateful for the care demonstrated to people impacted by adverse conditions resulting from the pandemic as well as the historic flooding.

"When I was hungry..."



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Most of us can appreciate the benefits of a power nap. Medical experts tell us that a 15 to 20 minute nap can result in less stress, more patience, better reflexes, increased learning, more efficiency and better health. Perhaps this might make us more sensitive to the invitation that the Matthean Jesus issues in today's Gospel: "Come to me ...take my yoke upon you and learn from me and you will find rest for yourselves."

The invitation to pause and rest was not unique to Jesus. It was deeply rooted in the spirituality of Israel: "Be still and know that I am God." This invitation, issued in Psalm 46:10, challenged our ancestors in the faith to stop and take in the bigger picture regarding their relationship with God. Rather than be overwhelmed by life's troubles, believers are to let go and let God act. Notice that the invitation is not simply to rest, as in "Take a load off" or "Put your feet up," but to rest, to *know* and to *learn*. What Jesus imparts is not necessarily a profound theological doctrine but an attitude of mind and spirit that he described as "meek and humble of heart."

Meekness—unappealing as it may be in our contemporary society—is the characteristic Zechariah used to describe the promised Messiah in today's first reading. Etymologically, the word "meek" was always associated with the strength and courage that are expressed in gentleness toward God and all others. In its God-ward glance, meekness means perfect trust, willing obedience and lived faith; in its posture toward others, meekness means force of character and inner strength that invite admiration and a desire to emulate such virtue. These are the lessons Jesus teaches to those who will pause, be still and come to rest in him.

Coming of our King: (Zechariah 9)

Celebration

According to historians with expertise in ancient empires, when the legions of Rome had annexed yet another territory of the then known world and renamed it as a Roman province, the conquering soldiers, in one final display of power, would march proudly through the defeated towns and villages. Their victory march left no doubt in any onlooker's mind that Roman might had no match. How different a display of power is described in today's first reading by the prophet Zechariah! Whereas Rome's power was expressed militarily and with ruthlessness, the power of the king described here is manifested in meekness, peace and justice.

Recall that the expected king or "anointed one" (*messiah*) was invariably envisioned by Zechariah's contemporaries as a warrior like David who could lead a revolt against Rome. It was also expected that his advent would restore to Israel and Judah the prestige and prosperity that were enjoyed on David's watch. But the king described here seems to eschew all forms of violence, and despite the best expectations of his people, Jesus chose to do the same. Moreover, he demonstrated his intent to correct those expectations by symbolically associating with Zechariah's meek king. As illustrated in the synoptic Gospels, Jesus arranged to ride on a donkey ("foal of an ass") when entering Jerusalem for the final time. Matthew took care to tell his readers that this gesture (Matt 21:4-5) was meant to affirm Jesus' role as the leader who would banish all instruments of war and proclaim peace to all the world.

Flesh/Spirit: (Romans 8)

Celebration

For Paul, the words "flesh" and "spirit" did not designate two distinct aspects of human nature but two modes of living. Life pursued according to the flesh, is a way of life characterized by rebellion and idolatry such that the entire perspective of the flesh-oriented person is turned in on the self, and self becomes the center of all values. Life in the flesh is essentially a life lived under the thumb of the sinful self.

Life lived according to the Spirit, on the other hand, is life set free from bondage to self and sin and the law. It is, as Achtemeier (*op.cit.*) has further explained, life lived in willing and loving bondage to God. This bondage breaks the enslaving power of self-centeredness and sin and sets the person free to enjoy a new relationship with God, not as a rebel but as a loved child.

Yoked Together: (Matthew 11)

Celebration

Jesus promises that his yoke is easy, his burden light. In Greek the word "easy" is *chrestos*, which means "well-fitting." In the ancient world, yokes were fitted to the oxen that were to wear them. Measurements were taken and adjustments were made so that the oxen would not be overly burdened by the added discomfort of an ill-fitting yoke. Jesus' promise of an easy or well-fitting yoke contrasts sharply with the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees, of whom Jesus said, "They tie up heavy burdens, hard to carry, and lay them on their own people's shoulders, but will not lift a finger to help them" (Matt 23:4). Jesus' compassion led him to take an entirely different approach. He promised to help the burdened to bear whatever load they had to carry through life. Because yokes were often built for two oxen, Jesus was, in effect, promising to be the yokemate of those who would come to him to rest in him.

Jesus also assured believers that his burden is light. When the burden is laid upon us in love and shared by a loving yokemate such as Jesus, then, as an ancient rabbi once said, "My burden has become my song."

Doctor's Orders:

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Have you heard the joke about the doctor who completed a man's examination despite the incessant chattering of the man's wife? Afterward, he called the wife aside for a private talk. The doctor told her, "Your husband needs rest and peace. Here are some sleeping pills." Concerned, the wife asked, "When should I give them to him?" The doctor explained, "They're for you."

In the Gospel today Jesus invites all who are weary and find life burdensome to be refreshed. The husband in the story may be weary from carrying the heavy burden of a partner who never stops talking. For some, the burden may be their own inability to stop talking long enough to hear a response. Whatever burdens we bear Jesus invites us to rest. He tells us that his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

Close at Hand:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

By describing the divine love for Israel as that of a mother who never forgets her child (Isa 49:15) or as a loving parent who teaches a son to walk, raises the infant to his cheeks and stoops to feed him and enfolds the child in love (Hos 11:3, 4), the prophets of the Hebrew scriptures affirmed the divine desire to be near, to be approached.

That desire took on a human form and features in the person of Jesus, whose very incarnation signaled the ultimate gesture of divine approachability. In Jesus, God came so near as to become one of us. This mystery is dramatically and clearly expressed in today's Matthean Gospel, wherein Jesus first insists that those who know him can also know God who is revealed in him. "Then," Jesus invites, "Come to me and find rest. Learn from me and be refreshed." There is no mention of protocol here; no appointment is needed; no political correctness or special attire is specified. There is no blustering wizard to appease, no finicky sovereign to placate, no dignitary to whom to kowtow. There is simply Jesus, made accessible in flesh and blood, made forever present in bread and wine.



**"Support me, Lord, on
my personal journey"**



BIRTHDAY WISHES!!

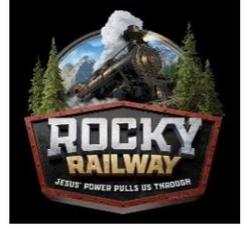
A little bird told me a secret...
 Sunday, July 5th is Fr. Tom's Birthday!
 The parishioners of St Gabriel Parish would like to wish him a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many more to come! Make sure to express your best wishes when you see him!

*Vacation Bible School Days:
 Rocky Railway:*

"Jesus Power Pulls Us Through"

4 year old preschool – 5th grade (Fall 2020)
 Tuesday, July 28–30 from 9 am –12 noon
Registrations are due by Monday, July 20th
 No registrations will be taken on Tuesday, July 28th Youth volunteers needed grades 6⁺ –12th (Fall 2020)

All Forms are available at Parish Center or email request parishoffice@auburnac.org



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at 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 can have it completed in the near future and then get it into the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!

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