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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.

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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.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

*Jesus knew the assignment would not be easy, so he sent his disciples out in pairs. What does that tell you about Jesus' care and understanding?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

The disciples were sent, unburdened with baggage or belongings, and with very little in the way of power and prestige. They were given authority only in driving out unclean spirits and healing the sick. This humility allows them to serve God rather than serving themselves or their own agenda. They were sent two by two. They were not meant to travel and serve alone—they were meant to have companionship and support along their way.



### Living the Word:

Followers of Jesus were—and are—meant to stand together, to encourage and help one another, to share the good news with each other. Call a local assisted living facility and ask how your family might help residents. Could you share your time or companionship? Find a time where your family can go and visit, and care for the residents in some way. Perhaps you cannot heal physical wounds, but you can heal their spirits!

### Year-End Report:

We operate as a parish business on a fiscal year that goes from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. Given the year we have been through because of the pandemic, it is amazing that we ended the year on such an upbeat note. Our Sunday collection totaled \$572,022.85 against a projected budget amount of \$570,000.00. And our total income was \$1,161,872.89 against a projected amount of \$1,084,114.00. The latter figure is somewhat deceptive because of income the school has received from federal and state programs. Most notably the school benefited from the government subsidy of the hot lunch program. School lunches were free to all students (and will be next year too) and the salaries of those who provided the lunches were covered also. There will come a time, of course, when the school will once again, need to absorb these expenses.

We are grateful for the government support and *most* grateful that many parishioners have remained committed to supporting the parish operations.

### CMA Update:

The appeal for the 2021 period will end in August. There are several parishioners who have been paying on pledges and, hopefully, will continue to do so. We have exceeded our parish target, so any additional monies received will be rebated back to the parish.



## WEEK OF JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

389: Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34—11:1

### TUESDAY

390: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

### WEDNESDAY

391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

### THURSDAY

392: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30

### FRIDAY

393: Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

394: Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15 Mt 12:14-21

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

107: Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> –Parish Office closing at noon (summer hours)**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$10,164.50

**Priest Retirement:** \$120 **Food Pantry:** \$150

**Mission Co-op:** \$666

**Children Good Deeds**

...Hugging my little brother...Help shop...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Clark Switalski, Principal**



teacher wanted!

This week we interviewed for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade position. As we go through this process, please keep us in your prayers that we can continue building disciples of Christ and fulfilling the mission of our Catholic school.

The Gospel this week talks of the power God gives us all to go out and evangelize. The job for all of us is to build a solid Catholic foundation where we feel comfortable “going out” and promoting the Catholic Faith. I cannot think of a better start than attending AACCS focusing on building the students’ knowledge and understanding of the faith. By empowering the children to carry the message of the Church, we build a support structure for all of them and give them the tools to work through both the good and the bad in their lives. The old analogy rings true, if you give a man a fish, he eats for a day, but if you teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime. I hope that we can continue to work together to teach our children how to fish.

✝ **God Bless**



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time :** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In many instances, God's call leads ministers into places they would rather not go and leads them to serve people with whom they may never have chosen to be associated. Amos would probably never have left his sheep or his sycamore trees in rural Judah to travel to the great cult center of Bethel in Israel to confront the priest Amaziah. He probably would never have chosen to risk his personal safety by denouncing the idolatry and injustices that were threatening Israel's covenantal relationship with God. But God said "Go!" Amos set aside his livelihood, his security and his personal preferences and acquiesced to a mission and future he had not planned.

When Jesus similarly summoned his disciples to ministry (Gospel) he sent them forth to places and people unknown to them, without even the barest essentials for their journey. They were not to pack a lunch or even a snack. They were not to take money or travelers' checks. They carried no suitcases; they had no reservations for lodging, or even a predetermined itinerary. They were to rely on the kind welcome of those to whom they were being sent.

Fully aware that his disciples and their ministry would be welcomed by some and rejected by others, Jesus offered his own method of dealing with each scenario. Those who welcomed God's ministers and the word they preached would be welcomed, in turn, to experience God's forgiveness and healing. Those who were unwelcoming would not. Of those, Jesus said, "leave that place, shake the dust off your feet and move on."

This instruction of Jesus affirms the importance of conveying the Good News to as many people who will welcome its truth and allow it to challenge their lives. This will require flexibility on the part of the disciple and willingness to be more itinerant than institutional. The minefield that is ministry challenges disciples to be willing to entrust themselves to God and rather than have a secure home base and a comfort zone from which to pursue a self-styled agenda.

**Voice of Dissent:(Amos 7):** *Celebration*

A shepherd and a migrant worker who tended seasonal sycamore trees, Amos was, by his own admission, not a prophet, and therefore would have had no training or experience in that field of ministry. We may also safely assume that Amos was not literate. To complicate matters, he was a southerner and a lay person sent to speak a harsh truth to an educated and sophisticated cleric who had no desire to hear him, let alone accept the message Amos delivered. But the prophet would not be silent, and in this text where he recounts his call to the prophetic ministry, it is clear, that Amos was adhering to God's will rather than his own.

Amos was compelled to speak out because the peace and security were being enjoyed only by a wealthy few. These seemed content to ignore their destitute contemporaries until Amos made it impossible for them to do so. Because of their lack of social conscience Amos warned Amaziah and the tribes of the north that they would soon experience the dark side of the Day of the Lord. This prediction was fulfilled when Assyria attacked and took control of Israel, 722 B.C.E. Whether Amos lived to see his words come true, we cannot know with any certainty. However, his style of prophesying lived on. Because of his willingness to be called by a prophet or be numbered in the company of prophets, Amos set the pattern of Israelite prophecy for later generations. Amos was the first of a group of "dissidents" whose loyalty was to God and whose principal task was to bring God's truth to their contemporaries.

**God's Blessing: (Ephesians 1):**

*Celebration*

If disciples of Jesus ever need encouragement to bear up under the rigors of ministry, this magnificent excerpt from the Letter to the Ephesians should serve them very well. A veritable wellspring of grace, this prayer of praise follows immediately upon the letter's address and greeting. Scholars have suggested that the ancient Christian author modeled this prayer on the synagogue liturgy and the practice of blessing or praising God for the gifts of creation and salvation.

Since the word "blessing" in Greek can refer both to an act of thanksgiving or praise and to an act of bestowing some gift on another, the play on the word "blessing" in verse 3 sets the tone for what follows: God is to be blessed for God's blessings. As the prayer unfolds, the rich descriptions of the character of God affirm the belief that God is the source of every blessing that has been bestowed on the believer.

First among those blessings is the election or call that God extends to everyone. We are called into being, chosen to be holy and adopted as God's own children, and this initial blessing affirms the love that God freely lavishes on us. This love affords us the encouragement and strength that we need for the day-to-day burdens and struggles of ministry.

**Travel Light: (Mark 6):**

*Celebration*

At first reading, and given the instructions Jesus gave to his disciples, it would seem, that he did not know how to pack for a trip. While most travelers try to anticipate their needs and pack accordingly, the disciples of Jesus were to travel simply, with nothing to rely on except the companionship of another disciple ("two by two") and the providence of the God in whose name they were to preach repentance and heal the sick.

Besides the simplicity of their lifestyle and the mobility of their ministry, Jesus offered his disciples a lesson in realism and common sense. Enter where you are welcome and offer all you have to give, Jesus advised. But if a welcome is not forthcoming, leave and move on to others who need your services.

Shaking the dust from their feet was a symbolic act ordinarily performed by Jews returning home from travel in a foreign land. By recommending this action, Jesus affirmed not only the urgency of the Gospel ministry but also its universal scope. Rather than fret over a failure in one place, the disciples of Jesus were to pick themselves up, dust themselves off and start all over again.

**On Being an Apostle:**

Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

In today's reading from Mark, Jesus lights the torch. Twelve are sent out in his name. (The word *Apostolos* means "one who is sent.") Even this action of Jesus represents an earlier tradition of the Twelve tribes of Israel. The apostles are to represent the "new Israel," the fulfillment of God's promises. They are to take nothing with them on the journey. They must be totally dependent on the power of the Spirit working within them. This sheds light on a different notion of the apostolicity of the church. As an apostolic church, we are to be "sent out." There is a missionary element to our faith. This applies not only to the Church as a whole, but to all baptized Christians. Christianity has never understood itself as a "ghetto" faith—isolated from the world. Rather, it is a "Catholic" faith. In the basic meaning of the word, it is universal, open to all people.



**"Lord, you are the source of all blessings."**

## Our Condolences...

We celebrated the life of **Francis "Frank" Barber** this past week at his funeral on Thursday. St. Gabriel Parish would like to offer his family our deepest sympathies and ask that you remember him in your prayers...

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