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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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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 JULY 19TH, 2021

MONDAY

395: Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6 Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

396: Ex 14:21—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17 Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

397: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps78: 18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY

603: Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

FRIDAY

399: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

400: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

110: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 16th – Parish Office Closes at noon (summer hours)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9225.68

Food Pantry: \$45 Priest Retirement: \$125 Mission Co-Op: \$475

Children's G☺☺d Deed

...Helping my little brother take his shoes off...Helping my dad make breakfast...Helping with the wedding stuff...I played with my cat...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



The rooms and floors were done this week in preparation for the upcoming year! I am sure after a year with students eating in the classrooms there was a definite need to have the carpets properly cleaned. We also were able to take part in the Cornfest

parade with many of our students coming to ride the float, throw candy, and cheer for our school! Thank you for all that attended!

The Gospel this week talks about Jesus as our shepherd of his people. When the public is called to the faith, Jesus is there to help guide and teach us. Without his guidance and help, we are like lost sheep looking for a place to call home, but within Jesus, we have a home where we can fulfill his message and help shape the world in his image. Time has taught me that more can be taught and learned when you take the time to do it with patience, love, and kindness. Being kind is always a choice, no matter what the circumstances are, no matter who we are dealing with. While I must admit it is not always easy, and I still fail a lot, I do strive to use kindness as a teaching tool to help our children see the difference and adopt it into their lives. Have a great week everyone!

... God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee
Do you sometimes feel like you need to sleep in and not go to Mass on Sundays? How do you feel after going to church? Are you still tired? Do you still need rest? Do you feel at all rejuvenated?

Reflecting on the Word:



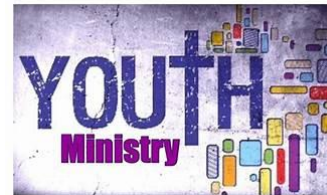
Once again, we see Jesus as a good shepherd who cares for his flock. First, Jesus notices his disciples are worn out and invites his inner flock to “come away” and “rest awhile.” He is compassionate, caring, and understanding of the demands of discipleship. But the people still needed Jesus, and they had sought him on foot. Moved with pity, Jesus is once again a shepherd, caring and teaching his larger flock.

Living the Word:

Choose a one-or two-hour period during the week (or even a full day if possible) and turn off electronics. Avoid going online, playing computer games, watching television, or checking your smartphones. Use the time to refocus, rest, and perhaps meditate on scripture together. How did this time make each of you feel? Could it be something you can fit into your weekly schedule?

New Hire:

Misty Michelle, a member of the parish, has stepped forward with an interest in coordinating the youth ministry program here at St. Gabriel. She will head the program for both middle school and high school youth for the upcoming year. Please join us in welcoming her to our staff!



Baptism Prep Sessions:

We have a wonderful team offering two preparation sessions: Prep I session is for the first-time parents & Prep II is for those parents who have already attended a Prep 1 session. We are currently offering the sessions in-person and virtually. Contact Sandy, 989-662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburn.org to register for a preparation session and to set your celebration date.





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel opens after a period of great activity and ominous events. Jesus was rejected at home, so he went to other places and sent his disciples to preach in his name. They came back successful but burdened and frightened by the martyrdom of John the Baptist. It was time for Jesus and his friends to regroup and discern God's will for them. Unfortunately, not every retreat plan works out the way one would hope—not even for Jesus. God's will had become clear the moment Jesus understood the people's need. No matter how much he would have liked time to relax, to hash it all out with his companions, the people's hunger trumped his preferences.

St. Louise de Marillac foundress of the "Daughters of Charity", taught her sisters to be willing to leave their prayer to serve the poor, conscious that they were leaving God for God. Such was Jesus' intuition in this case. He wanted to go away to discern God's will and teach his disciples; the reality was that the people's hunger revealed God's will and Jesus' response was the teaching that his disciples needed most.

Jesus looked at the crowd who had come after him and saw people who had not found what they needed in the temple or synagogue. They were hungry for more than the religious leaders of the day were offering them, and they were willing to go to great lengths to find it. No wonder he responded to them! They wanted what he had and wished to share. On that day in Israel, Jesus received the people who came after him as sheep without a shepherd.

God's Judgement (Jeremiah 23): *Celebration*

Jeremiah paints a picture designed to rouse the feelings of his readers. The accusation against the bad shepherds inspires vivid images in the minds of people who know rural life. The thought of a shepherd who would mislead, scatter, or drive the sheep away evokes the idea of ewes dying for lack of food or from fixable problems in giving birth. It makes the reader think of orphaned lambs wasting away for lack of care. Anyone with an ounce of humanity would be saddened and even outraged by the sight of sheep so cruelly abandoned. Jeremiah wants to motivate the compassion of the readers so that they can imagine God's fury at the situation. The curse pronounced in the word "Woe!" is an understatement. But Jeremiah is not content with condemnation; he uses the evil of the situation as the setup for the more important idea of God's action. Note: Jeremiah offers significant details about the plight of the sheep, but only one statement about the punishment of the evil shepherds; the rest of the passage talks about how God is going to remedy it all. God's solution is the heart of the message.

New Sacrifice (Ephesians 2): *Celebration*

The first reading announced God's promise to send proper shepherds to look after the sheep who wander perilously unrestrained. Now, in Ephesians, Paul depicts Christ as the seeker of the alien and the destroyer of divisive walls. Jeremiah worried about a drifting flock; Paul saw his Jewish community as too controlling, resistant to allowing others to be one with them.

We know that a key problem in the early Christian community was that the Jewish Christians thought of themselves as the ones who knew the right way to be religious. If they were going to consider admitting gentiles, they would have to live up to proper Jewish standards. In Paul's opinion, that attitude betrayed the cross of

Christ, which had destroyed enmity between peoples of diverse backgrounds.

For Paul, Christ's cross brought the end of the idea of sacrifice as holy and of the law as a way to justification. Christ was God's sacrifice for humanity, the sign that the prophets had been correct in proclaiming that God did not look for a sacrifice, but for some mercy (Micah 6-8, Isa 1:11, etc.). The law was offered as a path to life (Deut 30) but had degenerated into a frenetic pursuit of self-justification. Thus, Paul proclaimed the end of both.

Moved With Pity (Mark 6): *Celebration*

Mark opens this scene with the apostles reporting back to Jesus about their missionary experience. Just as he himself was accustomed to slip away for time in private prayer (Mark 1:35), he wanted his disciples to do the same. They needed rest and he wanted to be with them—by themselves and in a deserted place.

Mark tells us that Jesus recognized the futility of their flight when he was confronted by the people's determination to be with him. Out text says he was moved with pity for them; other translations say he had compassion on them. The word being translated in those ways comes from a Greek word referring to one's innards—even to the womb. What Jesus saw in those people caused a profound response, a gut reaction.

Mark gives us an insight into Jesus' imagination, indicating that he received the persistent crowd as "sheep without a shepherd." He could have looked at them differently. Those people could have represented never ending demands on him. The temptation also had to be great to see them as ego-booster, proofs of his popularity and the answers to his critics. But rather than that, what Jesus saw was their hunger for what he alone could give them.

On Taking Care: *Grace Works, Dallas, TX*

Notice the way Jesus treated his disciples when they returned from their preaching mission and gave their report. The first thing Jesus did was give them instructions to take a break, to take care of themselves, so they could restore their strength, and return to service and ministry to others. Care givers learn this, if they are to last long in their good work. You can be of no value to others, no matter how great your love and devotion, if you are physically or emotionally exhausted. It is not a sign of weakness or failure to care for yourself when you are involved in a mission of care for others.

Mother Theresa was asked how she could just keep on caring for the poor in Calcutta when there were so many of them. She answered, "All I can do, all any of us can do, is the *best* we can, for the *most* we can, for as long as we can." Even so, dear weary one listening today, draw aside and rest, and then return tomorrow to your caring work, knowing that it is enough to love the world by focusing your love on even one individual in the name of Christ. And as you do, "cast all your cares on God, he cares for you." So, be refreshed in his good care for you, and then allows His care to flow through you to someone else.

A Quiet Place: *Cele Brown, Celebration*

Where is the deserted place that Jesus invited you to come away to in today's Gospel?

It may be a very ordinary space like the porch or the bench under a tree in the backyard. Often, what makes the space deserted is the time of day—either early morning, during a child's nap time or later or later at night. It is likely that we have to create the deserted quality by turning off phones and other devices.

It is not surprising that there is a little twist in the Gospel. When Jesus and the disciples reach their deserted place, the crowd is already there waiting for them. This requires patience and resolve: patience with the crowd and resolve to keep creating deserted places.

ABSOLUTELY the Last week for VBS registration!!!

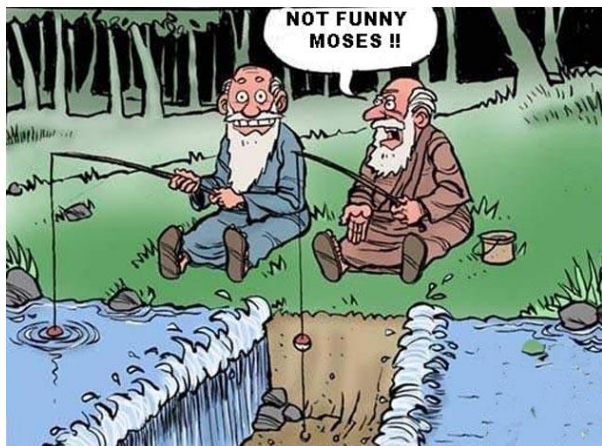
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K – 5th grade Date: July 27 - 29

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Contact Parish Office for details...

Location: St. Gabriel East Campus Cost: \$7/child or \$20/family (3 or more children)



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