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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 JULY 27, 2020

MONDAY

401:Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

402:Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

403:Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18 Jn 11:19-27

THURSDAY

404:Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

405:Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

406:Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

112:Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21



PLEASE NOTE:

As of the first weekend in August, the 1st & 2nd, we will no longer use the alphabet system to determine mass attendance. From these dates forward the church is open to you whenever you are able to attend. We are still observing capacity limitations for social distancing and masks will still be required

** Thank-you for cooperating!*

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9551.60

Priests Retirement: \$20 Mission Co-op: \$85.00

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Children G😊d Deeds

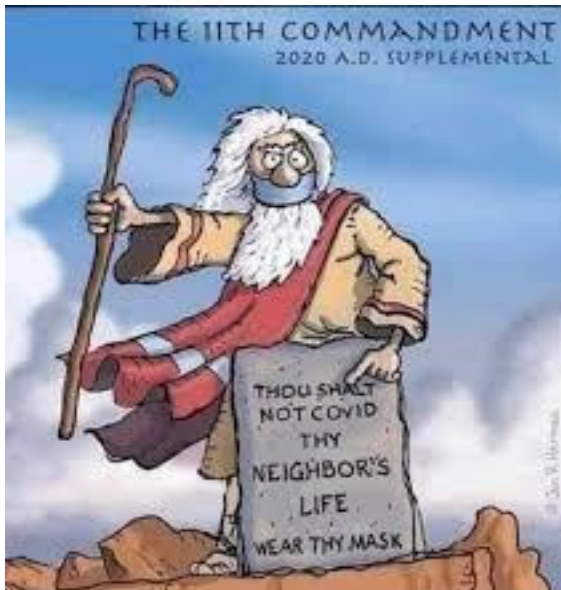
....Played with my puppy...

...Helped feed my Grandma's kitties while she was on vacation...

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>



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee
Ask your children what they would be willing to part with to be with God. He is more generous than we can imagine. How has God been generous to you.

Reflecting on the Word:

In these parables, Jesus explains how priceless the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom is like those treasures. What would you compare the Kingdom of Heaven to? In order to possess the Kingdom of God, we must be willing to give all that we have, to risk our safety and security in this world for the sake of the next.



Living the Word:

Make a treasure box for your prayer table this week. Read the parable of the pearl with your family. Talk about what it meant that the merchant sold all that he had. Does this include his furniture? His clothes? His house? Why was he willing to do that? What is the treasure we have found in God? Write down responses on slips of paper and put them in the treasure box.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The concept of hoarding and saving something that is seen as valuable is not a new thing. Since the beginning of our country, people have been searching for the next most valuable thing from creating colonies, to the push west and now into the digital age. The Kingdom of Heaven is worth more than all of those things together and won't cost you a penny to achieve it but will require you to make some sacrifices. It is the most valuable thing you can possess, and the only thing you need to work at is being a good person in thought, action and words. Seems easy enough, right? For some it is, for others there is a real struggle going on for them. I am not perfect, so who am I to judge these people having struggles? I can't, it wouldn't be kind or right. However, I can offer help to these people and begin to show through my actions what Jesus taught us. God is good when you open your heart and mind to him. My goal here at St. Gabriel and AACS remain the same; to get everyone I meet to heaven.



✠ **God Bless**

**HELP
WANTED**

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.



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

What would you ask for if you had the chance to wish for anything? In today's first reading from 1 Kings, God says to the great King Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." It could be argued that Solomon already had riches and did not need to ask for more. Yet he did not know how long he would live or whether his power would be sufficient to overcome all of the enemies of Israel and Judah. He could have asked for any worldly advantage. In spite of this, Solomon asked for wisdom.

When this passage is read in conjunction with today's Gospel, it becomes clear as to why the text from 1 Kings was chosen as its prelude. Solomon's prayerful interchange with God prepares the hearts and minds of the praying assembly to grasp the message and the challenge of Jesus' teaching. In the twin parables of the treasure and the pearl, the Matthean Jesus is affirming the supreme value of the reign of God, and with each affirmation, all present are invited to ask themselves whether the message of the parables rings true for us. It is my desire for the reign of God so profound that I am willing to let go of everything else in order to know God's purpose for my life.

Some of us may be thinking, "Of course I desire God's reign over me—but not now. Perhaps later when it's more convenient...perhaps when I retire and have more time...perhaps when the children are grown." But the message of Jesus' parables challenges us to hush our excuses and stop our procrastination. Risk it now! Risk it all!

Importance of Wisdom: (1 King 3) *Celebration*

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." One of the best-known and oft-quoted prayers of our time, the "Serenity Prayer" is usually associated with Alcoholics Anonymous and other Twelve Step programs intended to help people overcome their addictions. However, the author of the prayer was Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), an Evangelical pastor and professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Niebuhr composed the prayer as part of a sermon. It included a few more lines: "Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace. Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that You will make all things right, If I surrender to Your will. So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen."

With its simple but profound wisdom and its trusting spiritual posture toward God, this prayer is quite similar to, the one prayed by Solomon.

Solomon knew that the value of wisdom, expressed here as an understanding heart, was far more important than riches, long life or power. He was convinced that true wisdom rested solely in God, and for that reason, he prayed for this graced gift to help him and his people to live rightly and well.

God's Will: (Romans 8) *Celebration*

Up to this point in Romans 8, Paul has emphasized the suffering and longing of humankind for fulfillment as well as the weakness and ineptitude of humanity to achieve this fulfillment on their own. Here, Paul turns from these considerations to offer explicit and powerful words of comfort. Scholars have often presented Paul's first statement as a word of law or a litmus test of faith: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose." In this context, Paul's statement means that the longing of creation, the action of the Spirit, and even humankind's inarticulate cries do not exist apart from God's will. Even those circumstances that reflect the utter depth of human frailty can be used by God for good.

What is affirmed here is the belief that God knows the end toward which all creation is moving – redemption – and everything that God accomplishes will move all of creation to that end. Our past, our present, our future lie in God's good and loving hands; this we believe, this we celebrate, this we await with hope.

Real Treasure: (Matthew 13) *Celebration*

When the winners of a lottery or large gambling payoff are asked what they will do with their winnings, the answer usually includes plans to quit a job and acquire a wide variety of material goods. Coming into money, especially a huge sum of money, is often described as "a life-changing event," one for which many people long. When Jesus assured his disciples that the greatest "prize" that they could imagine, the kingdom of God, was theirs for the asking, they found themselves confronted with a similarly life-changing event. Jesus described the kingdom in terms of a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of a great price and offered it as a supreme value before which all other treasures paled into insignificance.

Aware of the human desire for securing treasure, Jesus advised his own to seek first the kingdom and there find treasure that would survive beyond the grave. But what is the treasure, the pearl. The supreme value that is the reign of God? Many have misconstrued these twin parables, thinking that the kingdom of heaven is an individual possession that must be earned through the renunciation of material things. Despite all the ethical injunctions of the Gospels, the central thought is that the kingdom is something God is *doing* and that it is to be received as a gift, as a life-changing gift. It is not a possession to be acquired and henceforth claimed as a legal and permanent possession. The kingdom of God is a participation in the very life of God; it is a taking to heart the treasure of God's Word to live in accord with its truth. The kingdom of God is that life-changing event in which my relatedness to God, and God's to me, becomes the alternative reality in which I begin to witness to God's way, God's will and God's purpose for the world.

Place Your Bet: Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

A man walking alone on the beach hears a voice from above say, "Dig." The man looks around to make sure he is not having hallucinations, then he hears the voice again: "I said, 'Dig.'" So, with bare hands, he digs down into the sand and finds a treasure chest buried there. The voice from above says, "Open." He pries the chest open and finds it full of cash. The voice says, "To the casino." Fortunately, there is a casino nearby. The man carries the chest full of money into the casino and the voice says, "Roulette." He goes to the roulette table and the voice says, "Number 27." He bets everything on 27. The croupier throws the ball and it bounces tantalizingly across the wheel, coming to a stop at number 26. There is a moment of stunned silence, and then the voice from above says, "Damn!"

Today's Gospel also tells of treasure and our quest to attain it. Our true treasure is our faith. When we bet on that, we win.

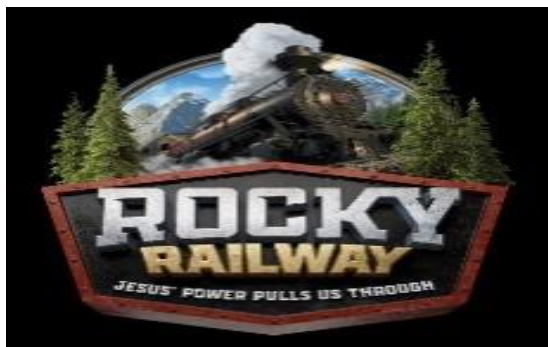
Choices: Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

After all our explanations and excuses for our own behavior, we must face up to our responsibility. And after all our musings about the mysterious ways of God, we must live with the reality. C.S. Lewis writes "in the end there are only two kinds of people: those who say to God 'Your will be done' and those whom God says 'your will be done'".

Jesus gives us a choice: repent or perish. We are responsible for the evil that we do. But if we accept responsibility, and try to make it right, then our finite guilt is absorbed in the infinite sea of God's mercy.



"Lord, may I always treasure my faith"



REGISTRATION EXTENDED!!!

- *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
- **REGISTRATION EXTENTION-still time to get a spot! Registrations due by Monday, July 27th**
- *No registrations* will be taken on Tuesday, July 28th
Youth volunteers needed grades 6th–12th (Fall 2020)
All Forms are available at Parish Center

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE


We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. We have completed the activity pages and are ready to submit it. Once we have proofed names and addresses, then we can get it to the publisher for printing. Thank-you for your patience!



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