

Week of October 7, 2018

MONDAY

Gal 1:6-12 * Ps 111:1-2,7-10 * Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Gal 1:13-24 * Ps 139:1-3,13-15 * Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Gal 2:1-2,7-14 * Ps 117:1-2 * Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Gal 3:1-5 * Lk 1:69-75 * Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

Gal 3:7-14 * Ps 111:1-6 * Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Gal 3:22-29 * Ps 105:2-7 * Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Wis 7:7-11 * Ps 90:12-17 * Heb 4:12-13 * Mk 10:17-30



Parish Activities

Mon., Oct. 8	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Tues., Oct. 9	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	7-9pm	Bible Study-West Campus
Thurs., Oct. 11	6:30pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun., Oct. 14	10:45am	Religious Education



HOSPITALITY WEEKEND October 13/14

Coffee & Donuts: Please join your fellow parishioners after Mass.

Food Pantry: Items most needed are paper towel, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, mashed potatoes, pancake mix & syrup, cereal, canned tomatoes. Thank you for all your generous donations!

SCRIP Cards available. Thank you for supporting AACCS!

Flu & Pneumonia Shots: Bring your insurance and Medicare information.

Adult Scripture Study: Tues., Oct. 2, 10am in the Parish center. We will be viewing and discussing the last part of **Paul, Apostle of Christ**. Then Tues., Oct 16 at 10am we will begin an 8-part Bible Study called **"Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk"** featuring Jeff Cavins. This study introduces 7 key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in your life. This is an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to Christian life. Through daily prayer and meditation with Scripture, you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org. Everyone is welcome!

Stewardship

"So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name." Gen 2:19

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 * Offering: \$9,203.66

Children's Good Deeds: My Good Deed was...

...making my mom a birthday cake. ...helped my grandma pull weeds.
 ...to bring in all the groceries by myself. ...helping shop with my dad.
 ...fed sister's rabbit when she was gone. ...helped with laundry.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **Reminder!!** Our school parking lot gets very busy during school drop-off and pick-up times. For the safety of our families and students we ask that you please enter from the EAST driveway and exit from the WEST driveway during drop-off 8-8:30am and pick-up 3-3:30pm. Thank you!

Education/Formation

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

What do you know about the day your parents married? What else would you like to know about that day?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** The beginning of a family is a holy time. Surrounded by a community of support, two people come together and join their lives. The holiness and grace within that act of commitment can never be undone. Jesus, however, cautions that family members should be careful not to harden their hearts to one another. Every day this commitment is a choice a family makes over and over again.

► **Living the Word:** Tell the children about St Francis of Assisi, whose memorial was celebrated on Oct. 4. Explain to them that St Francis was known for preaching with his life. He even preached to birds and all of creation through his gentle deeds and actions. With your children, take time today to preach with your life to the small or forgotten. Perhaps the children will want to hang a bird feeder, help a younger child, or send a note or drawing to a grandparent. Let the children know that these actions make the Gospel come alive.

TRUNK-N-TREAT: Sun., Oct. 28, 4-5:15pm. The Education Commission invites all Parish families to participate in Trunk-n-Treat, a fun-filled afternoon where children & adults dress up in kid friendly Halloween costumes and go trunk to trunk for treats. The decorated trunks will be lined up in the east side of the parking lot. If you are saying trunks... it is the trunk of your car, SUV or tailgate of your truck. Everyone can get involved:

- Bring a bag of candy and place it in the container at the church entrance, to be passed out by those who decorate their trunks.
- Decorate your trunk, park in the designated area (arrive by 3:30 To get set up) and hand out candy.
- Or just come and enjoy the fun! See the children in their costumes! Bring your chair so you can sit & watch & share the meal. Children can begin going vehicle to vehicle 4-5pm. A light dinner will be served beginning at 4pm so consider eating before trunk-n-treating!! There will be drawings at 5:15pm. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances (or call the Parish Center) if you want to decorate your trunk/if you plan to attend. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK

will be celebrated at both weekend Masses on **Oct 27/28**. The purpose of this sacrament is to give comfort to the sick and to reconcile them to God and the Church community. It serves to help the person anointed to have a strong, positive faith attitude and assists in physical, mental and spiritual healing. This sacrament acknowledges the frailty of people who are to be redeemed through the mystery of Christ's own death and resurrection. The Oil of the Sick used for the Sacrament of Anointing is blessed at the annual Chrism Mass with this prayer: *"Bless this oil and sanctify it for our use. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it; heal them in body, in soul, and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction."*

Guidelines for the Sacrament of anointing are as follows:

- † People who are critically ill from sickness or advanced age
- † Older people who are tired/weak with no dangerous illness
- † People who have been anointed once but are now suffering further complications or some different illness
- † People scheduled for serious surgery
- † Children with chronic or life-threatening illness or who will have major surgery (as soon as they are able to understand)



Those who would like to be anointed are asked to "sign in" at the entrances of church upon arrival. Those who have difficulty moving about should take the front pews and stay in place for the anointing. All others will be invited to come forward at the appropriate time.

"Life isn't about what happens to us...

Life is about how we respond to what happens to us."

From Father Tom's Desk

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

What we have learned from Charles Darwin and the anthropologists who seem pretty certain that human beings first emerged in Africa – or maybe Greece or Bulgaria – does not nullify what Genesis has to teach us about the meaning of creation and human life. The ancestors from whom we have inherited the mythological tales of Adam and Eve had no interest in scientific evolution or the missing link. They passed on the stories to share their understanding that God created in order to share life, as St. John would later say, life in all its abundance.



When asked about divorce, Jesus cited the Genesis creation stories to explain that, as symbolized in the relationship of marriage, human beings were created for one another. In reply, Jesus took their shared family history back to the very beginnings, to God's original plan in the creation of humanity. He quoted the two different stories in which Genesis described human origins, highlighting a central point of each of them. When Jesus quoted "God made them male and female," everyone who knew their Bible verses would have finished the sentence, "in the divine image." Genesis 1 clearly states that human beings, male and female, are made in the image of God. Jesus then recited the statement from Genesis 2 about the man leaving father and mother to cling to his wife. That statement recalled the whole story in which God declared that humans were not made to be alone; they belong to one another.

The upshot of Jesus' teaching went far beyond the question the Pharisees posed. Jesus' statement that a divorced and remarried man was committing adultery against his spurned wife sounded absurd to people in a society in which the woman was effectively little more than property to be handed from father to husband. The ideas Jesus proposed about fidelity and equality were far beyond their religious and cultural imaginations.

In case the reader did not understand what Jesus was getting at, immediately after the discussion of divorce, Mark recorded the incident in which the disciples incited Jesus' ire by trying to keep little children from coming to him. Those disciples, hyper-aware that anything that seemed to lessen Jesus' dignity reflected on them, must have been doubly mortified by Jesus' reaction. Jesus deflated their petty pretensions by holding, blessing and praising the needy children and then claiming that they were the example to follow.

Mark presents Jesus as the master teacher of the true meaning of the law. When his examiners brought up the question of divorce, Jesus turned it into a discussion of the dignity of each person and the fact that human beings are made for loving one another as truly as we are made to love God. Today, the same situation continues to play out with a host of contemporary characters. The Gospel insists that no one, not a displeasing spouse, not a helpless child, not an immigrant, not even a criminal, is dispensable.

Second Creation Account (Gen 2)

[Celebration](#)

The second creation narrative in Genesis is as warm and human and earthy as the first is majestic. According to this account, God

fashioned the first human creature from the clay (*adama*) of earth and then, for the first time ever, God saw something that was not good: "It is not good for the human to be alone." So, our storyteller reports that God made all kinds of creatures out of the same material that the human had been made from. God brought each to the fellow and he named them all.

While the details of the creating are fanciful, the truth of the story comes out in this fact: Surrounded by all those birds and wild animals, pets and cattle, the fellow still felt very alone. So, God put the human into a trance and created an "other," not from the earth and thus similar to him, but from his very own flesh, and therefore, somehow both identical to and different from himself, someone by whom he could be called a man because she was called a woman. The story of the first parents reflects what happens through the birth and growth of every human being: We receive our life and identity with and from others.

Although the selection of this reading as a complement to today's Gospel underlines its implications for marriage, it reflects more broadly on the social nature of human beings, indicating that we are made for one another, that we are made for communion. In that, every relationship of love points to our ultimate destiny of union with all in God.

Model in Suffering (Heb 2)

[Celebration](#)

From now until the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will be hearing from the Letter to the Hebrews which is less a letter than a proclamation composed by an author who writes like a pastor. When the reading says that Jesus was "made perfect" through suffering, it is not referring to the sort of unchangeable completion one might think of from Greek philosophy. Perfection in the scriptural sense means being fit for the task one is given; far from referring to someone being unchanging, it would be better described as being adaptable to everything. Therefore, suffering perfected Jesus for unlimited solidarity with human beings. It allowed him to experience and to reveal the complete dependence on God that expresses the fullness of the human vocation.

Embracing Life

Mary Kay Whitacre, [Celebration](#)

The Pharisees in today's Gospel tried to trip Jesus up with their laws. Even as Jesus sparred with their legalism, he modeled a different way of being in relationship. He welcomed the bedlam and commotion of children, embraced their humble, seeming insignificant lives, and lifted them up in blessing. When hearts are broken and dreams are shattered, Jesus calls us to welcome the mess, embrace the pain, and patiently wait for new blessings to emerge. Left with the image of Jesus willingly being tackled by a throng of kids, we can ask ourselves, "How good are we at welcoming, embracing and blessing the messiness of life?"



Fortunate Find: Just when it appeared darkest, a light opened. We received an inquiry from Robert Milne of Flint, who had retired early from teaching, about an open position for principal of our parish school. A visit by him and his spouse, Celeste, led to an interview by a committee of school/parish people. He was offered the position and accepted. He started on Monday, October 1st. Let us welcome him and express our gratitude for his service to our parish family.



"It was the Lord who put into my mind to sail from here to the Indies. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because he comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures, encouraging me continually to press forward. No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service." Christopher Columbus