

# Week of October 14, 2018

## MONDAY

Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31 – 5:1 \* Ps 113:1-7 \* Lk 11:29-32

## TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Gal 5:1-6 \* Ps 119:41,43-45,47-48 \* Lk 11:37-41

## WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Gal 5:18-25 \* Ps 1:1-4,6 \* Lk 11:42-46

## THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

2 Tm 4:10-17 \* Ps 145:10-13,17-18 \* Lk 10:1-9

## FRIDAY 9:00am School Mass

Eph 1:11-14 \* Ps 33:1-2,4-5,12-13 \* Lk 12:1-7

## SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Eph 1:15-23 \* Ps 8:2-7 \* Lk 12:8-12

## SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Is 53:10-11 \* Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 \* Heb 4:14-16 \* Mk 10:35-45



## Parish Activities

Mon., Oct. 15	6:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Bible Timeline
Tues., Oct. 16	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	Quilters-west campus
	7-9pm	Bible Study-west campus
Wed., Oct. 17	10:00am	Parish Knitters
Thurs., Oct. 18	6:00pm	PTO
	7:00pm	School Committee
Sun., Oct. 21	10:45am	Religious Education



## Baptisms

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;  
Before you were born, I dedicated you."* Jeremiah 1-5

**Madison Paige Carmona**

daughter of Ryan & Amanda Carmona

**Hank John Putt**

son of Patrick & Crystal Putt

**Adult Scripture Study:** Tues., Oct. 16, 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@aubumac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@aubumac.org).

## Stewardship

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."* Mk 10:25

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 \* Offering: \$13,148.00  
World Mission Sunday: \$45.00

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

...to help put away the lawn furniture. ...helped a friend with math.

## SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK

will be celebrated at both weekend Masses on **Oct 27/28**. 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.



## Education/Formation

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
What have you put before your love for Jesus? What is holding you back from following him fully?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** This can be a hard Gospel to apply to our lives. Most of us have many possessions; some of these are necessary. How could God call us to give up everything? Perhaps you might want to consider if there is anything that keeps you from your relationship with God. Is there anything that you depend on more than you depend on God? That is what you would need to give up.

► **Living the Word:** Encourage your family to consider what they could give up for a week to make space for God as a family together. Perhaps instead of watching TV in the evening, cards could be written to parishioners who are sick. Or the family might want to pray the Rosary in the car instead of listening to the radio; or make a dessert for the homeless shelter. The time also might be spent going through the house and reducing possessions. Notice how this exercise shifts the attention of the family.

**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@aubumac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@aubumac.org).

## Auburn Area Catholic School

► **The Virtue of Courtesy:** Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness. This is the Virtue our students are learning about and practicing during the month of October. Courtesy is the foundation on which other virtues might be established, such as kindness, thoughtfulness, amicability and generosity.



► **Student-led Liturgy:** Please join AACS in celebrating the Eucharist on Fri., Oct. 19 at 9am.

► **Soccer Season has ended:** Thank you to the students, coaches and families who made this season possible! We have a successful athletics program because of YOU!!

► **Thank You** to the **United Financial Credit Union** in Auburn, for helping our students develop good financial habits. They visit our school twice a month. During this time students can make money deposits into their very own savings account.

*Every blade in the field, every leaf in the forest lays  
down its life in its season as beautifully as it was taken up.*

Henry David Thoreau

## From Father Tom's Desk

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

There was a time when Catholic popular piety promised that in addition to regular Mass attendance and annual confession, wearing a scapular, making the nine First Fridays or collecting an adequate number of plenary indulgences were good investments in eternal life insurance. Lighting candles and praying for the souls in purgatory worked like today's supplementary policies.

Those practices might have been like what the fellow in today's Gospel was looking for when he asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responded with the core demands of their tradition in relation to others: Do no harm and respect your elders.

When the fellow said he had all that covered, Jesus admired his zeal and invited him to up the ante to the absolute limit. This was no suggestion of praying an extra psalm each day or wearing a religious symbol. Offering him the invitation of his life, Jesus said, in essence: "Drop every other ambition, free yourself from all ties, distribute what you have to the neediest and join us on the road." The poor guy was stunned. The word Mark uses for his reaction describes a sudden storm. Mark tells us that the seeker went his way in mourning. This may be the only Gospel encounter that left both Jesus and the person who came to him unhappy.

Jesus turned to his disciples and, rather than criticize the departing seeker, he drew on his ample store of Hebrew



hyperbole and explained that it's easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a wealthy person to enter the kingdom of God. The image was enough to break the tension. Jesus then reminded them that things they were absolutely incapable of accomplishing are astoundingly possible with God.

### Wise as Solomon (Wis 7)

[Celebration](#)

According to the New American Bible, the Book of Wisdom was written to deity oppressed Jews who were suffering at the hands of non-believers, including some of their own co-religionists who had abandoned the faith. The author, sometimes taking on the identity of Solomon, used the best of popular religious traditions to buoy up his community. Today's selection presents itself as Solomon's hymn to wisdom.

In his wisdom, Solomon humbly admits that God is the source of his gifts and that he received them because he prayed for them. Wisdom is so vital to him that he personifies her as a beloved woman.

Solomon then assesses the values of the culture that surround him and declares that he prefers wisdom to power and wealth. Gold and precious gems are nothing more than sand and mud compared to wisdom. Going even further, he adds that he prefers wisdom to the advantages of health and a striking appearance.

### Living Word (Heb 4)

[Celebration](#)

The two verses of this reading invite a meditation on God's word in the scriptural tradition. Our introduction to the word of God comes from Genesis in which God's living and effective word is not simply a sound, but a vibrant creative power. God spoke and it happened. That is its efficacy.

The word of God is also living. In one sense that indicates that the word is a personification of God, an idea that we can grasp when we consider the word as God's self-revelation. Just as we meet one another with words, just as verbal communication can unite us even when distance separates us, so the word of God is a living revelation of God's presence and activity among us. Having said that, the pastor/author of Hebrews goes on to talk about the activity of God's word. All the metaphors and images here point to the idea to the power of God's word in effect as well affect.

In regard to being effective, the reading is reminiscent of Isaiah 55 which proclaims that, like rain and snow, the word of God accomplishes its purpose. One expression of the word's affective dimension is the idea that it penetrates soul and spirit, joints and marrow. In other words, as it comes to a person it can enter into the most hidden recesses of a personality. It is not simply a sound or even a conveyor of meaning, but perhaps might be better compared to music which stirs the soul even as it may also articulate an intelligible message.

### Your Choice (Mk 10)

[Celebration](#)

Mark tells us that the man was stunned when Jesus invited him to sell and give all he had to the poor and then to come with him. He may have approached Jesus in sincerity but hadn't bargained for the challenge to give up everything. Perhaps he had heard Jesus' invitation to "repent and believe," but he hadn't comprehended that *metanoia* conversion implied and inversion of his life. He had once been more than intrigued with the possibilities Jesus offered, but in the end all he could do was depart in grief because the cost of going down Jesus' road was too great for him.

Mark allows us to think that Jesus spoke with as much sympathy as disappointment when he said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God." Jesus understood how people can be enslaved by their possessions. He knew how hard it is for anyone to enter the kingdom of God. He had been dealing with similar difficulties with his disciples for whom competition and prestige were stumbling blocks. Jesus went on with both humor and sympathy to explain that camels go through the eye of a needle more easily than people learn to be little and dependent enough to trust only in God's plan.

Today's reading invite us to consider what we seek most in our life and why we choose to be in the company of Christ and his followers. Christ offers to take all we have and are and transform it as truly as the bread and wine are transformed in our Eucharist. But as we see in today's Gospel, that is simply an offer. We are free to stay on his road or to go our own way.

"Strengthen my trust,  
Lord, in You alone."

### October Wedding Anniversaries

60 years or more....

Charles & Christine Prebay  
Eugene & Patricia Raymond  
Wilfred & Lois Perry

50 years or more....

Donald & Barbara Rytlewski  
William & Gloria Howden  
Joseph & Joan Wipping  
James & Anne Dougherty  
Victor & Mary Jane Swincicki

40 years or more....

Thomas & Gloria Oslund  
William & Janice Plant  
Kim & Carrie Richardson  
Ken & Connie Charbonneau (to be continued)



We thank you, O God, for the love You have implanted in our hearts. Bless our marriage, O God, with peace and happiness. Amen