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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 *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.

Week of November 15th, 2021

MONDAY

497:1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

498:2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

500: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY

501: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12 Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

502: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

161: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What dark events in the world frighten us today? What can we do to remind ourselves to rely on the help of Jesus? Do we pray for courage so that we can face any adversity?

Reflecting on the Word:

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, Mark's Gospel describes the end times. We are not sure when that time will come so we must ask ourselves, "Do we act as true followers of Jesus every day"? If we are faithful to our calling as Christians, we have nothing to fear. If your family participates in sports, music, or dance, or theater, you will know that you must prepare well to be ready. The same is true as we prepare ourselves to be with Jesus. What are some actions that help us to prepare?



Living the Word:

Write the word "PAROUSIA" in the center of a large sheet of drawing paper or card stock. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 aloud to your children and explain that the Greek word Parousia describes the time promised by Jesus when he will return in glory. What will the world be like when God is "all in all"? How will it be different from our lives now? Ask the children to draw what this might be like around the word "PAROUSIA."

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 15th - Funeral 10 am

RCIA

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 18th - Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway

Friday, November 19th - School Mass 9 am

½ Day of School

Sunday, November 21st - CLOW 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6-7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$13,077
Food Pantry: \$190 **World Mission Sunday:** \$45
Campaign for Human Development: \$30
Children Good Deeds

...Helped grandparents pick their apples... Help with groceries...
...Cleaning my room on Saturdays...Raked the leaves...Yardwork...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week we have conferences with our parents. This is a great time to talk about the academic successes and areas of focus for our students. The goal is to give a high-quality education centered on the teachings of the Church. It is nice to sit down and discuss the educational goals of the child. We all want the best for them, and this communication is vital for our process.

The Gospel this week is describing the end times. We are not sure when that will come, but we must remain diligent in our preparation and loyal to our faith in God. There are times where we are put in situations where the right answer is not always the easy answer. We must have the perseverance and resolve to act as true followers of Jesus.

Have a great weekend!

✠ **God Bless**

School Mass Update: The restrictions due to Covid-19 that necessitated only school personnel be allowed to attend a school mass will now be lifted. **Anyone is welcome to the school mass!**



Cantor Practice...

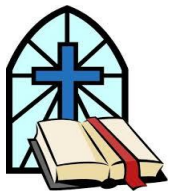
We will be having practice on Monday, November 15th at 6 pm in church. We will be scheduling for the Advent season through February 2022. Hope to see you there!



Starting back up: We will return to funeral luncheons as they were pre-covid. This means a possible call to contribute a dish to pass. The parish has excelled in this service to parishioners, and it will be good to return to "normal" in this service.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22 (CMA):

We are well into the third week of this annual appeal. Our latest report from the diocese indicates that **\$28,863** approximately **41% of our target** has been pledged/donated toward our parish target of **\$69,796**. The hope is that those who have not yet participated will do so as soon as possible. We do not want to carry this unfinished business into the Christmas season and certainly not into the new year. The overall target is some two thousand dollars less than last year. Last year we went over by \$5000. That amount was rebated to the parish. It would be wonderful if we could match last year's response.



FROM

FR. TOM'S

DESK

Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The liturgical year is winding down and you can hear it the readings; their tone has changed. They speak of “a time unsurpassed in distress” (Daniel); Jesus, the high priest, is waiting until “his enemies are made his footstool” (Hebrews) and the Son of Man’s return will be preceded by days of tribulation when, “the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light and the stars will be falling from the sky and the power in the heavens will be shaken” (Mark). To me these readings sound both scary and hopeful.

Scary—because we are told that the celestial order and established human institutions will collapse. Hard and shattering times are coming. If I have placed my confidence and future on what will eventually disappoint, even crumble, then I had better make some major shifts soon, while there is time. It takes powerful imagery and strong language to shake us up enough to get us to make necessary changes in the daily pattern of our lives. While I may not live to see the grand ending and return of Jesus in glory, as these readings foretell nevertheless, they do remind me that my life has limits. In that stark light I do need to evaluate where I have made investments of my time and efforts and, if necessary, make the needed changes. The readings are sobering, they mean to shake up any complacency and pry us from misplaced confidences.

But the readings also sound a note of hope. They say things will not always be the way they are now. The evil ones of the world, who thrive on the backs of the vulnerable, will not, in the end, succeed. God has an eye for “the elect” and when the “Son of Man” returns, he will gather them. There are shepherding sounds in this “gathering” image—the Good Shepherd has promised not to lose any of his sheep, and it is this Shepherd who is coming to fulfill his promise.

As this liturgical season winds down, the readings urge us to take stock of how things are in our lives: everything in order? If not what are we doing about it? Are our energies expended for what will last, or are we frittering away our time on what “rust or moth will consume?” Modern life has much that preoccupies us, keeps us from examining the course of our lives and future consequences of our present actions. The scriptures remind us today that if we live totally in the present moment, without considering the long-term meaning of our lives, then only disappointment and collapse await us.

Not Alone (Daniel 12):

Good News

The setting of this reading is Israel, at that time occupied by the Syrians, who tried to impose Greek culture, language, and religion upon the Jews. Some of Jews chose to “go along” with the demands of the occupying power. Many others chose death rather than to accept the pagan gods, thus violating the ancient Mosaic law. It is in this context that the author writes a story using mythological language, with double and veiled meanings, to communicate a message of hope, if not for this life, then for the life beyond. The message is clear that God is with us in all our trials.

Importance of the Invisible (Hebrews 10):

Celebration

With today’s text, Hebrews continue to exhort those whose faith is threatened by persecution. In fact, the early Christians were miracles of fortitude under the types of persecution and torture familiar in the lives of the martyrs as well as in secular history of the Roman period.

Hebrews is calling on believers to deny the supremacy of the visible, experienced world in favor of a higher reality that exists—only in the mind of the believer. The contrast in the Hebrews is not the usual contrast of the present against the future, as is common in other books of the New Testament: Things are wrong now, injustice prevails but, in the future, injustice will be rectified, and those who are now despised will be justified.

Son of Man: (Mark 13)

Celebration

Mark’s vision of the Son of Man “coming in the clouds with great power and glory” (v.26) can be understood as the eschatological climax to all of Jesus’ actions as Son of Man while on earth. As Son of Man, he had forgiven sins (2:10) and taught with authority (2:28). As Son of Man, Jesus had been rejected by the authorities and put to death (8:31; 9:31; 10:33). As Son of Man, he had served and had given his life for many, i.e., for *all* (10:45). In so doing, Jesus won a definitive victory over evil, defeating both sin and death. For those who struggle in the heat of battle to appropriate in their own lives the victory of the Son of Man (viz., Mark’s persecuted contemporaries and their descendants through the ages unto the present day), the vision of the glorious, powerful Son of Man was and continues to be a source of strength and hope.

Neither Day nor Hour:

Dick Folger, *Celebration*

There was an undertaker who closed all his letters with “Eventually yours.” No doubt about it. Eventually we’re his—just as eventually we’re God’s. One day each of us will face our own death. That is certain. That certainly was approaching for one very old nun who had been dying for years. The faithful sisters at the convent had kept her alive by giving her a glass of milk laced with brandy several times a day. On the night of her death the sisters gathered around her bedside to hear her final words. Just before slipping away, she rallied long enough to take a final sip of milk and say: “Whatever you do sisters, never get rid of that cow.” As we know the certainty of death, we also know the truth of Mark’s gospel promise that we “will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.”

Core Truth:

Conor M. Kelly, *The Liturgical Press*

The problem with the modern approach to apocalyptic literature is thus that contemporary audiences—particularly those in a secure society like the United States—read these biblical texts as outside observers. Fortunate enough to live in a time of relative peace, we hear descriptions of “tribulation,” when “the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light,” and imagine a frightening contrast to our everyday existence. As a result, we fixate on the turbulent seas, so to speak, and hear only that it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress.” The original audiences of the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark, however, were intimately familiar with the raging storms of religious persecution and social upheaval. To them, the descriptions of horrifying events were merely a point of credibility, demonstrating the authors’ relevance to their own lives. Instead of being shocked by these depictions, they were able to gloss over them to arrive at the real point: pain and suffering will not last forever. In fact, “this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.” Their darkness was about to reach its end; the long dark night was about to shatter with the dawn.

Fearless:

Good News

The scriptures for today speak words of hope couched in a context that sounds rather ominous. Our own future is clouded with problems we never imagined before. But the people of God must always move ahead to create the world that is to be. Believers have always followed Christ who beckons us into the future. We are not alone.

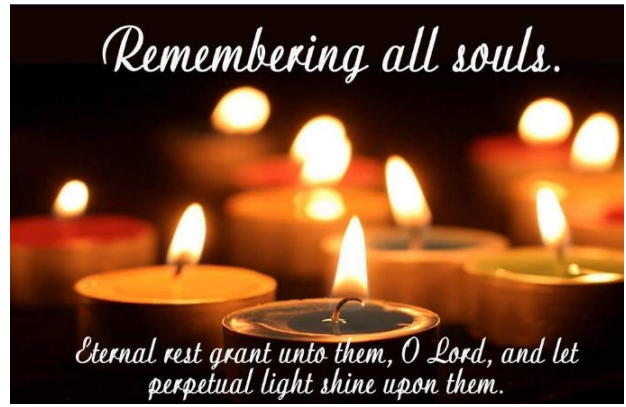
Amid a terrible depression, and with the clouds of war gathering, a former president told people, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” He wasn’t just looking at the world through rose-colored glasses. There were ominous signs. But he was also a man of faith in God. And he knew that acting from fear is self-defeating. Jesus tells us, “Fear not for I am with you, even to the end of the world.”

“Lord, strengthen me in hope”

Big Project: We have had some serious flooding issues in the past due to heavy rains. The flooding brought about the discovery that we had severe blockage in the drainage tiles. There are three pipes behind the church/school building that are meant to drain water not only from the building but also from the parking lot. Roots from vegetation were the problem. Currently work is being done in clearing shrubbery and trees to the north by the railroad tracks. Improvements are already noticeable. There is a lot of wood that has resulted and will eventually be burned. If anyone is interested in cutting up available firewood you are invited to call the parish office to arrange a time



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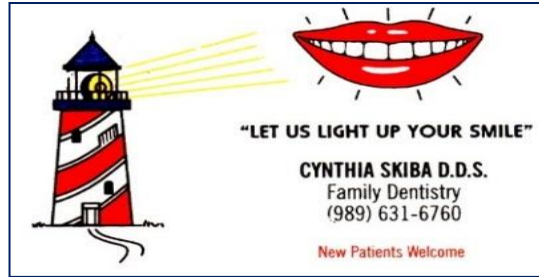
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