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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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Week of November 29th, 2021

MONDAY

175: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

684: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

177: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

178: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY

179: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

183: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

6: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Jesus reminds us to stay alert and be watchful. How can each of us be helpful reminders and good examples to do what is right and good. How can we gain courage and strength from knowing that God is with us, that Jesus is beside us?

Reflecting on the Word:

At Mass, the priest asks us to bow our heads and pray for God's blessing. We genuflect when we enter the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. We make a profound bow when the Word of God is presented to us. These gestures acknowledge our smallness before the greatness of God.

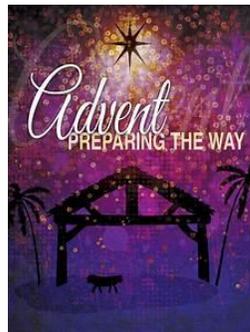


Yet Jesus tells us we should raise our heads and stand before him at his second coming. Instead of dying of fright, we who have kept our baptismal light burning brightly can stand to greet our Lord because we know that in his mercy, he is coming to redeem us.

Living the Word:

The First Sunday of Advent is a good time to establish ways that your family can keep and honor the season of Advent. Does your family have an Advent wreath? Do you use an Advent calendar to count the days until Christmas? How will you prepare your heart as well as your home to receive the Christ child?

The Advent Season is filled with preparation and expectation.



Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking, and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: the Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Amid the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God.

In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts where our Savior may come to dwell. Consider choosing one of these activities to keep the attention on celebrating the coming of the Lord.

•If you receive Christmas cards consider putting them out & pray for the person or family that sent them to you.

•Read the Christmas story from the Bible: Matthew 1:18-25

•Ask other families to join you and go Christmas caroling either around your neighborhood or to a care facility. You should call and make advanced arrangements if you go to a care facility.



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 29th - RCIA – 6 pm

Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 1st – Blood Drive – 1:30 - 6:30pm

1st Reconciliation – 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 4th – Confessions – 11 am

Sunday, December 5th - Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6-7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$13,250.90

Campaign for Human Development: \$1440

Children Good Deeds

...Helped clean up... Helping a friend... Babysitting sister...

...Helping with baby sister... Yardwork... Picking up leaves...

...Fed the dog and did chores... Helping Dad organize the garage...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

We had a short week this past week for Thanksgiving. It is a great time for me to say thank you to everyone that helps to make AACCS possible. The teachers, staff, parish, and community all band together to build a place where these students have an opportunity to be with God on a continual basis and get a high-quality education.



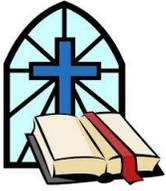
Support our School!

We will be having another SCRIP sale before the holidays. To get them back to you all in a timely manner, we will be placing the order at the end of the school day on the December 3rd. We need to place it quickly because we want to

make sure you all can have your gift cards for the holidays!

They are guaranteed to be back to you by the 17th, but this past sale was much quicker than we anticipated. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

God Bless you all!!



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

First Sunday of Advent: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In the Christian scriptures, an ambiance of waiting sets the scene for the welcome of Jesus. Zechariah waits, as does Elizabeth; Anna and Simeon wait, and see the answer to all their waiting in the child whom Mary and Joseph present in the temple. John the Baptizer waits and stirs the hearts of his contemporaries toward a similar expectancy.

But what is the nature and practice of these waiting ones, and how are we called to wait with them and like them? First theirs is a waiting with a *sense of promise*.

People who are content to wait have received a promise that allows them to wait. Like a seed growing within, the promise promotes endurance. This is very important, for we can only wait *well* if what we are waiting for has already begun for us. Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph and John were living with a promise that nurtured them and enabled them to wait for what—or who—would come. In today's first reading, Jeremiah reminds us that all God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the shoot of David, who comes among those who wait to do what is right and just.

Second, the waiting that we see epitomized in the scriptures is *active*. Our forebears in the faith did not remain in a passive or idle state. They were actively and fully present to each moment, ready to see and believe that *this* could be the moment when waiting yields to the realization of every hope and expectation. Paul, in today's second reading, reminds us that our active waiting for the Lord's second advent must be exercised in love for one another and for all. For his part, the Lucan evangelist exhorts us to fill our active waiting with constant prayer and careful watchfulness for the signs of the Lord's nearness.

To wait in this manner is to live radically attuned to a will other than our own; it is to relinquish control over the future to let God set the parameters and plot the course. In our waiting, however, we are never alone. Mary made her way to Elizabeth's home to wait while the plan and will of God were being accomplished in them. So, also, we who await the same Lord have the support of one another in our waiting

As Promised (Jeremiah 53): *Celebration*

It seems appropriate that the Advent season of waiting, with which each new liturgical year begins, also happens to begin in the dark, cold and barren time of the year (at least in the northern hemisphere). Like a cosmic audio-visual aid, the world of nature sets the backdrop, symbolically attesting to our belief that the light of the *Kairos* (Christ-event, Christ-hour) has pierced the waiting and need of human *chronos* (chronological time, human history). Christ, the light, has fulfilled every promise and every human hope in his coming. This is the joy that is renewed in us each advent; this is like the joy that the prophet Jeremiah wished to arouse in his contemporaries.

The promise which comprises today's first reading, a doublet of an earlier oracle (Jeremiah 23:5-6), was probably occasioned by the destruction of Jerusalem and the subsequent exile of the people ca. 586 B.C.E. With their world in shambles and the monarchy seemingly at an end, hope for the future seemed futile to the people of Israel. Nevertheless, Jeremiah attempted to help his contemporaries to regain their hope by assuring them that God would restore their fortunes and their future.

Be Prepared (1 Thessalonians 3): *Celebration*

If we truly recognize the injustices of the world for what they are, we will long for the kingdom, as did Paul and his converts at Thessalonica. Let us remember, however, that both our waiting and our longing for the coming of Jesus and the kingdom must be proactive and eagerly devoted to its arrival. In this way we can live with courage, trusting that there is a spiritual power in us that allows us to live in this world without being seduced constantly by despair, loss, and darkness.

That is how we dare to say that God is a God of love, even when hatred is all around us. That is why we claim a God of life, even when we see death, destruction, and anguish daily. We say it together; we affirm it in one another. By waiting together, praying together, working together, we are preparing together for the God of love who will come again in Jesus.

Be Not Afraid: (Mark 13) *Celebration*

Many believers find themselves overwhelmed by the worries and cares of this life. Making a living, providing for family, difficulties at work, concerns about the world situation—all these things may tend to cloud our vision and hope for the future. It may be necessary again and again to visit the wisdom of Jesus. "Watch!" he said. "Pray!" he said. "Pray *constantly!*" he said. "Be on guard!" he said. "Do not fear!" he said. Others may be in anguish and distraught; some may even die of fright, but *you* who belong to me, you who have prayed and waited, watched, and served, suffered, and struggled—you should "stand up straight and raise your heads" for I, your Lord and Liberator, am nearby. Assured by these words, let us make the pray of the earliest Aramaic Christians our own: *Maranatha!* "Come, Lord!" Come quickly.

Day of the Lord: Rev. Anthony Martinelli, *Service*

I should be noted that the last days are seen not only as judgement but also as liberation. Luke encourages his readers to "stand up straight and raise your head, for your ransom is near at hand." At the heart of such a proclamation is a thoroughly Catholic Christian attitude: Ultimately life is gracious. Even its ending clouded in fear, contains the promise of freedom. But there is a danger involved as well. Life request vigilance. Its final triumph is a call to witfulness, for the Lord is coming in ways unexpected.

Advent is the time to awaken our tired hearts, to rouse ourselves in expectation and hope because the Lord is in our midst already. He is coming in the guise of our neighbor, our spouse, our children, the poor, the sick, the prisoner. Let us "be on guard lest our spirits become bloated" and we miss the day of the Lord.

End Times: Sr. Anita Baird, *The Liturgical Press*

Many of us might say that surely the end times are upon us. Our world has been turned upside down. Gun violence, deadly pandemic, racial unrest, and climate catastrophes all impact our everyday lives. We are fearful and apprehensive. How do we respond? First, we must not be afraid. Instead, we must remain vigilant and faithful. We must pray unceasingly that God will give us the strength to stand firm in the for where our strength is to be found. Advent reminds us of this reality. Let us invite the Lord to come in the fullness of power and glory so we may know that our redemption is at hand.

*"Maranatha,
Come Lord Jesus"*



A Reminder...



If you have a traditional IRA-and if you are 72 years old or older-you are required to take a **Required Minimum Distribution**. If you donate all or part of that distribution to a qualified non-profit 501(c)(3), such as our own St. Gabriel Parish or the school (AACs), you will avoid paying income tax on your distribution. This contribution has grown in our parish. A parishioner used that vehicle this past weekend and, as a result, we exceeded out weekly target.

Update for CMA...

Here is the latest update for CMA A recent report from the diocese indicates that **\$43,198** approximately **61% 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.

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