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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 (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School 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 April 25th ,2022

Monday

555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday 8 am Mass

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 8 am Mass

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday 9 am School Mass

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

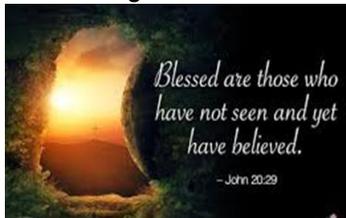
48:Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
How are peace and mercy related? Is there anyone who needs your forgiveness and mercy?

Reflecting on the Word:



When Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed,” he could be talking about you and me. We did not walk

and talk and eat with Jesus. Those who did bore witness to him and shared their experiences with others. This was passed on from generation to generation to the present time. One quality that marks us as believers is how we are an instrument of God’s mercy. Do we show others compassion and love?

Congratulations on your baptism!



**Zoi Elizabeth Wegener
& Ryleigh Jo Wegener**
Daughters of

Jeff & Shannon

5 Ways to Live Easter Joy Each Day



Taken from: Take out: *Family Faith on the Go*, April 2018

- Do something nice for someone
- Take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the nature around you.
- Try to live more simply. Give away material possessions you no longer use.
- Don’t stifle your laugh when you see something funny.
- End each day by thanking God for all the good things in your life.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 25th – Cantor Practice 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 27th – School Accreditation Day

Thursday, April 28th – First Eucharist Practice

Sat. & Sun., April 30th - May 1st – First Eucharist Celebration

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$12,109.85

Rice Bowls: \$314.89 Food Pantry: \$240

Children’s Good Deeds

...I played with my sister...I helped Dad carry stuff at the store...

...Playing with Sydney...Cleaned the family rooms...

...Helping with watching SJ...Got Mom a blanket...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The Easter Season is upon us, and we are called to share in Christ’s mission for us! The students are working on “*industrious*” for our April virtue. Knowing how to accomplish a goal and carrying it out are two completely different things, and industriousness can

help us work toward achieving our goals. Jesus showed us all how he was able to know what was to happen and continue to follow through with it, even amid temptation.

People will always have different levels of faith and are at different parts of their overall faith journey. The apostles are in a very precarious position; they just watched a perfect person be crucified when he did nothing wrong. Think about that, Jesus did nothing wrong and was still crucified. Naturally, those with him would be scared, because they do not want to suffer the same fate. Jesus shows them that they do not have to be afraid because he has their back. At the end of the day, Jesus will be there for all of us no matter what, and that should be reassuring to all of us as we continue down our personal Faith journey.

...*God Bless...*

***Thank-you!* To everyone who helped make Holy Week so wonderful! Ushers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir and all who participated. What a wonderful thing it is when our church community comes together!**



THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU

As our Youth Ministry calendar wraps up, we are mindful that our ministry work never ends. Growing and supporting strong Catholic children is a constant calling with an opportunity for our “village” to be involved. I want to extend a HUGE thank you to all our Leaders – Sandy DesJardins, Kelly Hadd, Jennalee Markel and Cindy Abraham, our assistants, and our guests that contributed in a big way this year! I’d also like to thank all our families and parents who participated. Gathering in God’s name to strengthen and share our relationship with Him and others is what this life is all about. Thank you for sharing in that vision and mission! Please continue to pray for our youth.

*Wishing you all a very Blessed Easter season
~Misty Michelle~*





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Blessed Pentecost (The Easter Season):

Nathan Mitchell, *Assembly*, Notre Dame

Josef Pieper once remarked that the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation as good—from the ability to embrace, in one resounding “yes,” the length and breadth, the heights and depths of our experience in this world.

Saying yes to all of life, letting all of it in—that is festivity’s sustaining source. But there’s the rub. Few of us can say yes to anything for very long. We live in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal (as Andy Warhol once quipped) is to be famous for fifteen minutes. At parties, we do not carry-on conversations, we posture—repeating to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports celebrities. Small wonder that many in our society feel so isolated and lonely, so unable to connect, so incapable of forming relationships that last.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of “the blessed Pentecost” will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of “dwelling in “ the paschal mystery! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives!

One reason why such a prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult—if not downright absurd—is that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. “Part time,” for many, is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic, obligation to “party on,” even if we don’t feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply “the weather of the heart,” to awaken our memory of God’s presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, Pentecost is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that wants to keep on saying no.

Second Sunday of Easter: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

An anthology pictures the Christ-event as the stone tossed into the great sea of humanity. Through the efforts of believers, that “stone” washed up along the shores of the ancient Near Eastern world. Different peoples received it and responded to it in their various ways, preserving the traditions about Jesus in their own place and culture. Therefore, when we read the scriptural accounts of our beginnings, we see that from the start there was a wonderful diversity and inclusiveness within the one Jesus movement.

Last Sunday on Easter we listened as Peter’s words washed up along the “shore” of a gentile’s home. We listened as Peter preached the good news to Cornelius and all his household, we were inspired when Peter described Jesus as one who went about doing good. This Sunday, we watch and listen and are inspired as Peter and company continue to follow Jesus’ lead. Their words and works reached out to others without discrimination; all who came to them were cured. They welcomed those who believed, as a result, “great numbers of men and women were added to them” (see Acts 5:14).

In today’s text from Revelation, John the Seer injects a harsher note into our glance back at our beginnings. The author of Revelation did his part to assure that the ripple effect of the Christ-event would find its way to as many shores as possible. For these efforts he was persecuted; then, as if to squelch the movement he encouraged, authorities exiled him to the Greek island of Patmos. His message of hope and resistance to evil echoed forth even from there, and people in distant places heard and took heart. His vision of the living Lord, who was dead but is alive forever, gave them the courage and hope to preserve in the Jesus movement.

Like Revelation, today’s Gospel was also preserved by the Johannine community. Here the evangelist offers his version of the “tossing of the stone” that initiated the Jesus movement. As with creation itself, the movement all began with the breath of God. Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the disciples who were hiding behind locked doors in fear and trepidation. Jesus’ Spirit instilled peace that cast out fear and empowered the disciples to go forth to continue his work of forgiveness. In the interchange with Thomas, the evangelist acknowledges that many, many others would be touched by the ripples that began in Jerusalem and eventually configured themselves to all the peoples along all the shorelines of the then-known world. Speaking to Thomas, the Johannine Jesus insists that all these other potential believers are “blessed.”

Christ-Like: (Acts 5)

Celebration

With their experiences of and faith in the risen Jesus to inspire their efforts, the early disciples gave themselves over to the work he had begun. With forgiveness, they healed minds and hearts and spirits, and by the power of Christ, they healed the bodies of those who were sick or disturbed by unclean spirits (Acts 5:16). Those who had previously remained hidden for fear of the Jewish authorities were now boldly gathering in Solomon’s Portico, an area of the temple where Jesus himself had ministered. Slowly but surely, they were becoming a community of believers in the Christ-event, reaching out to all the world with their message of hope and salvation.

John’s Vision: (Revelation 1)

Celebration

In this excerpted text, the ancient author shares his inaugural vision with the seven churches of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Represented as seven lampstands, the churches were urged to find strength in their firm belief that Jesus is the ultimate sovereign overall. Jesus is picture as the Son of man with a belt of gold like a king, and he holds the keys; he is master of life and death. Regardless of how powerful the empire may seem; Jesus is more powerful. Even death could not defeat him. Nor should those who suffer and die for his sake allow fear to overcome them. In him, says John, they too will emerge from suffering and make their way through death’s passage to be alive with him forever and ever (Rev, 1:18)

Thomas’ Response: (John 20)

Celebration

Jesus’ invitation for Thomas to touch him affirmed the reality of his body and corrected false assertions that the appearances of the risen Lord were simply products of his disciples’ overactive imaginations. Thomas, who had doubted initially, was called to move beyond the sensational aspects of the resurrection to grow into a committed faith in Jesus’ abiding presence. It is significant that Thomas’ expression of faith did not depend on his actual touching of Jesus’ challenge: “Do not be unbelieving” Thomas’ confession, “My Lord and God,” united in a bold proclamation the church’s growing awareness of Jesus as one with and equal to the Creator of the universe. This beatitude continues to encourage those who long to see but who are content to believe and hope and trust that one day, we will see God face to face for all eternity.

Easter Faith:

Good News, Dallas, Texas

This is the encouraging word for all the Thomases throughout the ages, all of us who missed out on that first experience of Easter. We are at no disadvantage in terms of faith. For faith is not incubated in the laboratory of irrefutable proofs. And faith does not even require physical seeing and touching for corroborating evidence. Faith is not a set of statements that can silence all skeptics. No, faith is the personal, relational choice of trust in God, as revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, and as confirmed in the mystery of his resurrection. But such faith is available to all who will simply open their hearts and souls to God. And the way to the heart of faith is through the ear. For the Good News is told every time the gospel is proclaimed, every time the Eucharist is celebrated, and Christians live their faith.



CMA Update:

The most recent report from the Diocese indicates that \$72,208.60 has been pledged, with an outstanding amount due of \$5,592.60. Once all pledges are paid, approximately \$1,900 will be returned to St. Gabriel Parish. Please continue to pay your pledges and Thank-you to everyone who so generous supported this effort!

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