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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools 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 JANUARY 18, 2021

MONDAY

311: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110: 1-4 Mk 2: 18-22

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

312: Heb 6: 10-20 Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2: 23-28

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

313: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110: 1-4 Mk 3: 1-6

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

314: Heb 7: 25—8:6 Ps 40: 7-10, 17 Mk 3: 7-10

FRIDAY

315: Heb 8: 6-13 Ps 85: 8, 10, 11-14 Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

316: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14 Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9 Mk 3: 20-21

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

68: Jon 3: 1-5, 10 Ps 25: 4-9 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What are your favorite names for Jesus?

Reflecting on the Word:

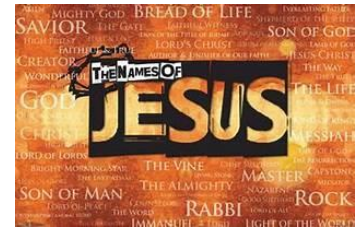


As we return to Ordinary Time, we learn more about Jesus and hear stories about his ministry. It is this “ordinary time” we see Jesus as fully human: living, sleeping, eating, teaching, and working with his disciples. Yet

even in the ordinary, those around Jesus recognize his extraordinariness. In this passage, we hear Jesus being called by many different names: Lamb of God, Rabbi and Messiah—all wonderful titles that call to mind his divinity as well as his humanity. Which names of Jesus speak to our hearts as we pray and attempt to follow him? Is he the Lamb of God who takes away our sins? Is he the Teacher to whom we listen? Is he the Messiah, the Son of God that we adore?

Living the Word:

Together, as a family, think of names for Jesus, including the ones you heard in the Gospel. Compile a list of these names (Friend, Teacher, Christ, Lord, Light, and so on). Which is your favorite? How do these names help us know Jesus better?



PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Please note changes in email addresses on the bulletin cover*

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,306

Food Pantry: \$180 **Diocesan Collections:** \$5

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Children G☺☺d Deed

...I played with my sisters and didn't fight with them...

...Playing with puppies outside while sledding...

...Babysat Ava when asked...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This past Friday marked the end of the second quarter. The year is truly half-over and we have been very fortunate, because we have had a very successful half a year. As we look towards the last half of the year, I pray for continued focus on our studies and continued grace from God as it relates to COVID-19.

The Gospel this week is talking about John and an experience he had with Jesus. They knew he was the Messiah from one encounter. Imagine that! The first time you meet

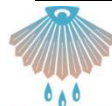
someone, you know who they are and having the faith to follow them. I have had several experiences that can only be attributed to God. In those instances, I never knew I was taking part in

something special until much later after the experience. God's Grace is an amazing thing, I just hope I can learn to identify it at an earlier stage in the future.

✠ **God Bless**



Baptism Preparations Sessions



Baptism Preparation

We offer 2 preparations sessions for registered parishioners. Prep I session is for first time parents & Prep II is for those parents who have already attended a Prep I session.

We are currently offering these sessions in-person and virtually. Contact Sandy, 662-4335 or faithformation@auburnac.org to register for a preparation session and set your celebration date.

Something we all need this week...

Prayer for Unity of Our Nation

Jesus, our savior, thank you for this great nation. We bring before you the great divisions and factions which plague us. We bring the divisive politics and civil disputes that keep us fighting each other. We pray for

our government; give them the wisdom to lead us well and secure peaceful lives for its citizens. Help them to make the right decisions that promote flourishing. May you bring unity and prosperity to this country. Lord we turn to you for its hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Samuel served in the temple under Eli's care. By the third time the boy's sleep was disturbed, Eli realized that God was calling, and, like a parent who frees a child to seek their own destiny, Eli told him to listen. Listening became Samuel's way of life.

Samuel's call and response provide a wonderful complement to our Gospel reading. John is depicted as knowing himself as the forerunner, the one who would fulfill his prophetic vocation by pointing others toward God's activity in their midst. So, he told his disciples to look and see what was before them, thereby freeing and even sending them to follow Jesus. And, like Eli in Samuel's story, John's role begins to diminish from that moment on.

Next, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in this Gospel: "What do you seek?" That is ultimately the most important question in anyone's life. Whether or not we clearly articulate our response, everything we do reveals our answer to it. As the Gospel presents it, Andrew and his companion begin to respond by calling Jesus "Rabbi," allowing that one word to signal their desire to learn from him. They then ask a profoundly theological question: "Where do you abide?" It was impossible for Jesus to respond to that question with an address or geography. At that moment, the answer they needed was "Come and see." Only after they spent three years with him could Jesus answer more fully. At the Last Supper, reminding them that following him is a matter of the heart and soul as much as the feet, ears and eyes, he said, "Abide in my love...just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love" (John 15:9-10). The real answer to the first question is that his abode was in them.

As we begin the season of Ordinary Time, these readings invite us to refocus, to take stock of what we most desire and how we are going after it. The vocation to "come and see," to remain with, to abide in Christ belongs to all of us, each in our own way.

God's Call: (1 Samuel 3) *Celebration*

Samuel, a much-longed-for child had been put in the care of the priest Eli, who was to bring him up in the temple. We know little about his childhood except that his mother, Hannah, loved him dearly and dedicated him to God. In those days, as the King James Bible says it, "the word of the Lord was precious" (1 Sam 3:1) or, in plain language, the people were not hearing God speak.

In that context, God called Samuel three times before Eli understood what was going on. Then, fulfilling his role as mentor, Eli instructed Samuel to listen for the call and to respond with total availability, saying, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Our reading ends by telling us that Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him.

Belonging to the Lord: (1 Corinthians 10) *Celebration*

Paul goes back to his holistic Hebrew roots and proclaim that the human person is a unity, an integrated whole who lives and grows and becomes in the context of biology, history and the love of God. Thus, he says that the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body. Far from disparaging physical, mortal existence, he reminds his people that their very bodies are temples—the flesh-and-blood abode of God's own spirit.

What does Paul mean when he says, "Glorify God in your body?" Since there is nothing we know how to do outside our bodies, he's insisting that absolutely everything we do reflects and affects our relationship with everything else. That's a way of saying what Ignatius of Loyola said with his well-known phrase "All for the greater honor and glory of God!" Both of them, are pointing out that we are social beings who don't invent ourselves. Everything we do relates us to others, and ultimately to God.

Our Vocation: (John 1)

Celebration

When John's two disciples set out to follow him, Jesus asks them what they seek. This is the first of three times Jesus asks that questions in this Gospel. In the garden of his arrest, he asks, "Whom do you seek?" and when the guards answer, he responds, "I Am" and then tells them to free the others (John 18:4-8). In the garden of the resurrection Jesus asks Mary Magdalene the same question and then calls her name, revealing himself and commissioning her to preach his resurrection (John 20:15-17). The question is pivotal: It frames the entire Gospel; the response to it determines either discipleship or opposition to Jesus.

In this opening scene of Jesus' ministry, when he asks the disciples what they seek, their dialogue is presented as a scenario of discipleship in word and deed. The disciples call him "Rabbi," claiming him as their teacher. In asking, "Where do you abide?" they are effectively asking, "Where will we go if we follow you?" Jesus responds by addressing them as disciples: "Come and you will see."

Seek and Find: Ted Wolgamot, *Celebration*

"What are you looking for?" This is the question Jesus is asking these two men in our Gospel reading today—and Jesus asks each one of us the same thing.

"Come and you will see." This is the invitation Jesus offers to all who are looking for another way to live.

Come, he says, and I will show you a road that will lead you on a return from exile. Come and I will introduce you to a way in which you can recover your true self. Come and I will lead you on a journey in which you can begin living inside out, instead of outside in.

What Jesus is talking about is how we can be "born again," not in some dramatic one-time event, but through a lifelong process that will involve developing within us a new heart, a new way of seeing and a new way of relating to the world around us.

We will begin living out of our hearts, not our compulsions



"Help me, Lord, to hear your call"

The Invitation:

Good News

We are greater than the houses we inhabit. Children know better than to attach themselves to places or possessions. Wherever mum or dad is, that's where home is. So too the living Christ cannot be contained in any one time or place or set of ideas. To find him is the lifelong quest in which, together, we are engaged. The question is a very good one: 'teacher, where are you? Where do you live?' His reply is the greatest of all challenges and the beginning of discipleship. 'Come and see.'

Looking For: Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

A derelict who had just found and consumed a bottle of wine happens upon a baptism service one Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk into the water. The minister turns and notices the stranger and says, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?"

"Yes, Preacher I sure am." The minister then dunks him under the water and pulls him back up. "Have you found Jesus?" he asked.

"Nooo, I didn't" he sputters. The preacher then dunks him under again, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?"

"Noooo, I did not, Reverend." The preacher in disgust holds the man under for a longer time, brings him up and asks, "Mt good man, have you found Jesus yet?"

He answers, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"





CMA (formerly CSA) Update:

These are the latest numbers for the CMA collection; Our target is \$71,201, Pledged is \$58,180 with \$52,435.32 has been paid. We are at 81% of our

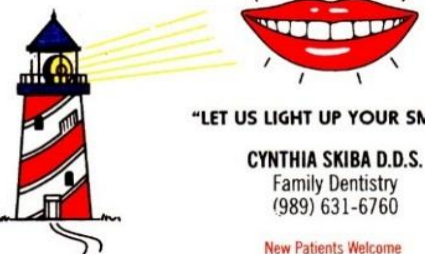
targeted assessment by only 43% of parishioners. So, if you have not already sent in your pledge card, please do so. And remember that you are also welcome, to drop in in the collection basket at week-end Masses or bring it to the parish office, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. **Thank-you for your support!**




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