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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 FEBRUARY 15, 2021

### MONDAY

335:Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

### TUESDAY

336: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

### ASH WEDNESDAY 9 am and 7 pm Mass

219:Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

### FRIDAY 7 pm Stations of the Cross

221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

222:Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

23: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>- Ash Wednesday

Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>- AACs Open House 6-7 pm

School Committee Meeting-7 pm

Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>- Stations of the Cross 7 pm

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$11,111.76

Food Pantry: \$280

Thank you for your continued financial support. It is appreciated!

Children G☺☺d Deed

...I washed the dishes...I helped my sister up when she fell over...

...I did chores...Telling my sister to go when I was mad...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Our second round of NWEA testing is coming to an end with only a few classes having a few students left. We do this to know exactly where our students are operating so we can teach them at their appropriate levels. We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and the students/staff have really done a great job taking the extra steps to keep us in person.

This week, Jesus heals a man with the disease of leprosy. When Jesus is moved by pity, he heals the man and tells him to go to the priest as a part of the cleansing ritual. When he is leaving, Jesus asks the man to keep his healing low key, and not spread the word about Jesus. Jesus knew before the man left his company that he would not be able to keep this healing a secret. Honestly, can he blame him? As a leper he was cast out of the community away from his family and friends. Lepers were forced to live a life of exile so the man would obviously be excited to have this disease healed. As soon as the word is spread about Jesus, his persona grows across the region and people begin to seek him out for help. This is no different than us now, in this time, as we continue through difficulty after difficulty. Jesus is still there for us when we need him to help us, but we need to seek him out and ask for healing when we are struggling or going through something. Humbling ourselves before God in prayer is that ask for assistance, the acknowledgment you can't do it on your own, and most of all a moment of Grace.

✠ God Bless

**School Open House!** If you are interested in a faith-based education, please join us for an open house on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. Please call the school office for more details and restrictions



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee  
Have you ever been so excited about something that you could not wait to tell everyone?

### Reflecting on the Word:

Even though Jesus told the leper to tell no one, the leper cannot keep his healing a secret. Although the leper disobeyed Jesus, Jesus does not appear to be upset. Perhaps Jesus was aware of the man's humanity—it is easy to forgive sharing the good news out of pure joy and excitement! God's healing love is meant to be shared joyfully with all.

### Living the Word:

The leper trusted and had such faith that Jesus could heal him. With your children, try this experiment. Fill a resealable plastic bag with water. Holding it by the top, stick sharpened pencils all the way through the bag so that it pops through the other side. As more pencils. Water should not leak from the bag. It takes a leap of faith to push a pencil through a bag of water and expect it not to spill everywhere. How can we trust Jesus as completely?



Congratulations!

Major Aloysius Gulvas

Son of Adam & Alyssa

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Through this program more than 159 million people in more than 100 countries are helped with lifesaving support. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

- \$40 – for infant scales to measure baby's growth.
- \$80 – for chickens to provide eggs for protein and income
- \$120 – contributes to a household garden for family nutrition.

What you give up for Lent and give to the rice bowl changes lives. For more information on rice bowls, go to: [CRSRicebowl.org](http://CRSRicebowl.org) Rice bowls are available at the church entrances, in the box outside the Parish Center or inside the Parish Center.

PLEASE RETURN RICE BOWLS PALM SUNDAY: March 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

### Ventilation Update

Recently Wild's Heating and Cooling updated the ventilation system in both the church and school with guidance from the CDC. This new system uses UV rays to kill up to 99% of germs, viruses, allergens and mold in the air as it passes through the ventilation system. Just another way to help protect both our students and parishioners against Covid-19 as well as others pathogens!





**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In today's Gospel, a former leper who was cured by Jesus is featured as "publicizing the whole matter" and spreading abroad the report of what Jesus did for him. His was good news of healing and restoration to life. How could he not go public with his joy? Those who encounter Jesus and who are touched by his life-giving, life-changing power cannot be silent. On the contrary, that encounter and their experience of healing and restoration automatically require that the healed ones become the heralds of good news.

Today, the experience of that leper from long ago challenges each of us to reflect what Jesus has done in our lives. What difference has the presence of the risen Lord made, and how has our relationship with him affected us? As we think upon these things and on the many different experiences of healing, restoration, reconciliation, and new life we have known, we cannot help but be grateful. But today's Gospel requires more from us than quiet and comfortable gratitude; today, we are urged to give grateful voice to our experience and to proclaim how the Good News of salvation has been revealed to us and within us.

When the Good News becomes our news to experience and our news to tell, then we become an inherent aspect of the message. This was the experience of the leper who came to Jesus and knelt before him and asked for healing. Made whole and clean and holy, his very being became a part of the witness that would reveal Jesus to others. With whom will you share the experience of Jesus? How will you go public with your story? When will you and I become living words in the ongoing conversation that is the Gospel of our salvation?

**Broad Definition: (Leviticus 13)** *Celebration*

Today's first reading is part of lengthy legislation enacted to protect the community from conditions that were feared but not completely understood. What has been translated here as "leprosy," was a general term that included everything from boils to male-patterned baldness to mold and mildew and every sort of skin rash or infection. These conditions and their possible cures were monitored by the priests because they rendered the sufferer unclean, i.e., unfit for participation in public functions such as the liturgy. Quarantine was imposed and lifted by priests when it was determined that the "disease" or state of ritual impurity had been rectified.

**For Example: (1 Corinthians 10)** *Celebration*

Paul, whose advice is featured in this text from Corinthians, loved his converts and pastored them as a caring parent. His response to their objections or unwillingness to obey was not "Because I said so," but "Imitate me as I imitate Christ." Unlike most of us, the witness of Paul's life was as authoritative as his word; therefore, he could hold himself out to his own as an example.

In today's second reading, Paul has summarized his argument quite succinctly by advising that everything a person says or does or eats or drinks should give glory to God. Good advice in any era and for any culture. Paul would have each of us measure our actions accordingly. If all we are and say and do can be refracted through that prism of truth, then, like Paul, we can say, "Be imitators of me."

**Call to Compassion: (Mark 1)** *Celebration*

Mother Teresa, who was renowned for her tender care of India's sick and dying, once said, "The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the disease of being unwanted." Her diagnosis of the world's greatest plague calls all of us to be doctors without borders, healers of a global sickness.

In Jesus' day, it was the lepers who were unwanted, made so by their dreaded. But who are the lepers and the unwanted of the 21<sup>st</sup> century? They are AIDS patients, the undocumented workers, the inconvenient pregnancies, the poor who beg, the homeless who harry us, the great mass of suffering humanity whose overwhelming struggles weigh us down. Our "lepers" are legion, it seems, and for that reason, it is good for us to turn to Jesus to learn, once again, the compassion with which we are to care for those special ones of God.

Jesus' interaction with the leper communicated the love and care of God to him when the human community had failed him. Jesus' touch brought healing, and the affirmation that for Jesus' followers, there can be no one to whom we will not speak, no one we will not touch—whenever and wherever they may approach us.

**Still Divided:** *Grace Works, Dallas, Tx.*

The world is still divided between insiders and outsiders. Which space is yours? If you are more of an insider, know that the world has many who feel like "lepers." Some of them suffer physically, locked away from the healthy in hospitals and nursing homes. Some suffer religiously and feel unwelcome around proper religious Church folks. Some suffer economically and are marginalized from the mainstream of society by zoning, city planning, and prejudice. These people matter to God. Jesus made that point clear enough. So, what is to be done? What happens if one of them risks becoming visible to polite society, hoping the presence of Christ is still on the earth? That is where you and I come in. We are here to extend the outstretched touch of God, to heal brokenness, to restore people to the social circle. Will it cost us to do this? Yes, it will. Just as it cost Jesus. For when he brought the leper back into the circle, Jesus ended up out in the deserted places, away from society, precisely where the leper had been staying. What an irony! And so it will be for us. When we welcome the unpopular one into our world, it cost us some of our popularity. When we help the poor, it costs us some of our cash. When we take a stand for social justice, it may cost us with the powers-that-be. That is the call, and the privilege, of following Christ. Look closely around your school, your city, your world; the lepers are there, hoping against all hope for a healing touch. So, who will extend the hand of Christ? If not you and me, who?

**Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Journey**

This season of Lent is an acceptable time for each one of us to return with all our hearts and minds to the One who fashioned each one of us out of the dust and breathed life into us. From the book of Joel, we hear the personal call God is making to each one of us: "Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God."

It is an acceptable time for us to wake up to the ways that we separate ourselves from God—through our sinful natures, through our character defects, through our addictions. During Lent, we are invited to listen more deeply for God's guidance and prayerfully examine those things in us that must be rooted out so that we can grow closer to him.



*"Guide me, Lord, to a  
reunion with you"*





**CMA Reminder:**

Reminder letters for the Christ's Mission Appeal were recently mailed to parishioners/families we have not yet heard from. If you receive a letter and have already pledged please disregard the letter. Parish and diocesan personnel are doing their best to provide up-to-date information as this is a new process this year. Your patience and understanding are appreciated. **Thank you for your support to help us meet our goal!**

**Friday Fish Fry:**

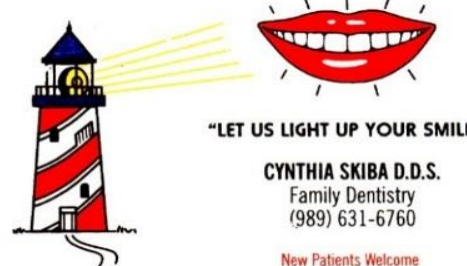
Corpus Christi Parish (Holy Trinity Church) at 1104 S. Wenona in Bay City will be resuming their "Famous" Fish Fry every Friday during Lent beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm. The cost is \$12 for Adults and \$10 for Seniors 60+ and kids 10 and under. This event will be **Take Out Only**. Proceeds provide tuition assistance to qualifying families.




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