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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 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 MARCH 29, 2021

MONDAY

257: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn12:1-11

TUESDAY

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY

259: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY 7 pm Mass-10 pm Evening Prayer

39:Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16c,17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY 12:15 pm Stations-1 pm Service-2-6 pm Prv. Adoration

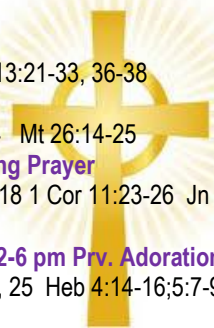
40: Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn18:1—19:42

SATURDAY 8 pm Mass

Ex 14:15—15:1 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4 Rm 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7

SUNDAY 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass

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EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

How would we welcome Jesus into our town or church if he were to arrive today?



Reflecting on the Word:

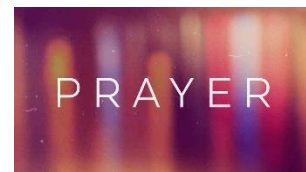
On Palm Sunday, we are reminded of how Jesus triumphantly returned to Jerusalem. In today's liturgy, we hold palms and sing. This is a celebratory reception filled

with praise, adoration, and great joy. Jesus' welcome into the city was in stark contrast to what takes place on Good Friday.

Living the Word:

Today begins the holiest week of the liturgical year. As a reminder of what this week is about, place your blessed palms in your prayer space. Leave small slips of paper on your prayer table and invite family members to write something they hope for on one side of the slip, and then something they fear on the other side. Encourage them to write on the slips for the entire week. On Saturday night, when the Easter fire is lighted, burn these papers to symbolize that your family is giving these hopes and fears over to God.

Little White Books are available at the entrances of the church. Please use these to help you pray during the next 50 days of the Easter Season. Our hope is that these books will give you some quiet time with the Lord.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 29th – Spring Break for AASC begins

Wednesday, March 31st – Holy Thursday Practice-6 pm

Good Friday Practice-6:20 pm

Thursday, April 1st – Mass - 7 pm

Evening Prayer – 10 pm

Friday, April 2nd – Stations of the Cross – 12:15 pm

Service – 1 pm

Private Adoration – 2-6 pm

Saturday, April 3rd – Vigil – 8 pm

Sunday, April 4th – Mass – 8:30 & 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt After the 10:30 Mass! (Weather Permitting)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$8437.80

Food Pantry: \$475 **Catholic Relief Services:** \$245

Rice Bowl: \$100 **Priest Retirement:** \$140

In memory of Christopher D. Hunt for the Food Pantry: \$100

Children's Good Deeds

...I helped Dad take off the blade...Giving my little brother a hug...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

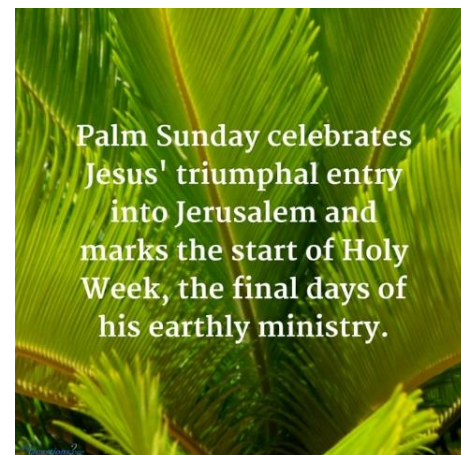
Clark Switalski, Principal

This week is spring break for our students and families at school. Everyone has been doing a great job this year and I pray for the continuance of our success. This month also brings the 4th quarter for our school!! Great job! PTO has their annual flower sale this year. I can attest that the flowers are good and if you are interested in ordering some, please stop by the parish office or the back tables for an order form. Orders need to be in by April 9th and will be delivered May 21st.

Preparing for Easter is important to our faith, having the knowledge of the sacrifice Jesus made on his own accord, and the power he possessed to follow through with it is what drives me to be better. If you do not know me personally, I am not an emotional person and have been described as a hardened individual. However, this week I have been affected on multiple occasions. Acts of kindness and generosity pull on my heart strings because those acts are genuine and unadulterated. Thank you for being a wonderful and supportive parish for our school. We could not do this without all of you.

Have a wonderful Holy Week, and Happy Easter!

... **God Bless...**





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Palm Sunday

Jena Thurow-Mountin, *The Liturgical Press*

The crux of our church year is found in the tensions of Palm Sunday, the beginning of our aptly named “Holy Week.” Today’s liturgy launches us from the highest, lauding chants of “Hosanna!” to the lowest, devastating chant of “Crucify him.” Most of our liturgical year is spent in between the cheers and jeers, focused on the ministry of Jesus, his miracles, and his teachings. Most of our lives are spent in between extremes, too.

But on this day and during this week, we reflect on the most ultimate highs and lows of humanity—for we are the voices shouting “Hosanna!” welcoming Jesus in. When we welcome the stranger in in our midst, feed the hungry, or care for those in need, we shout “Hosanna!” with our lives, welcoming Christ as a beloved King. When have you shouted “Hosanna!” with your life? How are you a sign of hope for those around you? Who has done this for you? The palms we receive are signs of life and hope in the goodness of humanity; times when we have welcomed Christ into our lives in many forms; moments of solidarity.

We are also the voices shouting, “Crucify him.” The penitential season of Lent comes to its end this week. When we don’t feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the ill, we fall flat and condemn Christ in our midst. When have you shouted, “Crucify him,” and fallen short in living as a disciple of Christ? How have you asked for or offered forgiveness from others? Sins mark the journey of salvation history, as we will hear at the Easter Vigil, and sin remains, wounding our community today. These times are as dark as the ashes rubbed onto our foreheads in the shape of the cross at the start of the Lenten season: burnt offerings from palms of the past.

Holy Week brims with some of the most intense, deep, and devastating celebrations of our faith. Like today’s liturgy, it can feel like a roller coaster of emotions, symbols, and stories. We enter this week like Mary Magdalene and Mary mother of Jesus at the tomb: watchful, attentive, on the precipice of a long journey.

Suffering Servant:

Celebration

For reasons that this reading makes abundantly clear, Isaiah’s “Servant Songs” were a favorite of the early Christians as they tried to understand the passion and death of Jesus. Jesus’ death is the starkest of all examples of the underserved suffering of a just person. How completely it disoriented his followers was well described by the disciples going to Emmaus who explained that Jesus was “a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people...our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him” (Luke 24:19-20). What made it all as mysterious as it was scandalous was Jesus’ predictions that those events somehow coincided with God’s will.

For anyone familiar with prophets, what happens is disappointing but hardly surprising: The prophet is persecuted. But this servant does not launch into a song of lament about what happened; what he describes is a kind of treatment that is more insult than injury. He has been spat upon and mistreated; his bones are not broken, his blood has not been shed, but he has been shamed, treated in a way intended to disgrace him in the eyes of the people.

This is where his faith in God overrides his self-preservation and any tendency to cling to ordinary conceptions of dignity. He confronts his persecutors with a face set like flint. He believed in God more than in his tormenters’ power. No matter what, he continued to say, “The Lord God is my help, I shall not be put to shame.”

Image of God:

Celebration

As Paul uses the words of a hymn to develop his teaching about Christ, he is subtly explaining that Christ is the only adequate image of God known to humankind. Through Christ, we learn that God is not grasping, but rather relates to human beings as a servant who will give anything for their sake.

This will always be a difficult teaching. We tend to define God using the superlative of everything we prize as human beings: power, knowledge, prestige, beauty, etc. That description of God validates our own striving for similar prestige. Encountering God’s self-revelation through the cross of Christ deals a deathblow to all those aspirations.

Paul tells us that because Jesus so adequately revealed God as self-giving, God could give him the name above every other name. Our greatest act of faith may be to see Jesus Christ, the crucified, as the image of the glory of the Father.

Joined Together:

Celebration

The distinction between preparing the Passover for him or for all of them and their communion with him in the cup of his self-giving, even before they knew what it implied, are keys to understanding Mark’s sense of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. In saying they would prepare the Passover for Jesus, they were ready for him to be their kingly Messiah, one who would do everything for them. Instead, this Passover was for all of them and when they gave him their cloaks and drank from his cup, they expressed their willingness to be disciples in spite of the pettiness, weakness and ignorance that would continue to plague them.

The rest of the drama will play out showing how the disciples were both willing and weak. When Jesus died on the cross, according to Mark the only disciple on the scene were some women who did all they could by simply standing by him.

The entire story invites us to see where we stand and where we wish we would stand. The good news is that, in the end, an angel tells the women to send the disciples back to Galilee. They start all over, this time ready to remain in solidarity with their humble Lord.

The Triduum:

The Ordo, *Paulist Press*

What, really, do the liturgies of the triduum celebrate? Most all of us believe we know the answer. We assume that Thursday commemorates the day Jesus instituted the eucharist; Friday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross; and the vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. We assume, further, that the liturgies of these days are dramatic “reenactments” of events—by turns touching, tragic and triumphant—which happened during Jesus’ last days and culminating in his victory over death. As it gathers on these days, the liturgical assembly is often thought to be engaged in acts of historical “reconstruction” that recreates scenes in the “upper room,” on Calvary, and at the tomb.

Precisely because these faith-anchoring events are historical, however, they cannot be repeated or “reenacted.” That is why the church’s long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into the mystery of the assembly’s liturgical/sacramental celebrations. What the paschal triduum really celebrates is mystery not history. The liturgies of these days do not “take us back” to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus’ life—nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter’s dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world’s life—a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.



CMA Update:

As of March 25th, the total amount of pledges and contributions is **\$74,185**, 104% of our target of \$71,210. That is 305 parishioners/families (58% of members) who helped us reach our target.

Thank-you to everyone who helped us reach our goal!



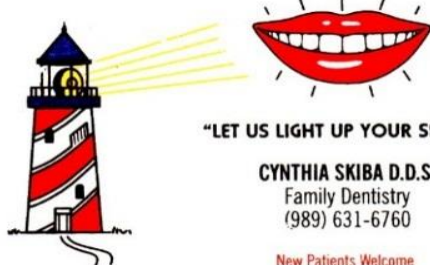
We just want to remind everyone who took a "Rice Bowl" That they need to be returned. They should be returned this weekend, but if you forgot please return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible! Thank-you so much for your donation!



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