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**MASSES**

**\*Weekday masses suspended until further notice**  
Saturday 4:30 Sunday 9:30 AM  
**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**

**\*Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
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Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or AACCS close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

## Week of April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2023

### MONDAY

257: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 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 Holy Thursday Mass 7 pm

260: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

### FRIDAY Good Friday Service 1 pm

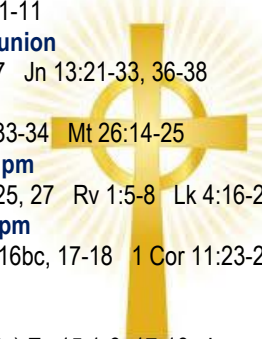
39: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15

### SATURDAY Easter Vigil 8 pm

41: (1) Gn 1:1—2:2 Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6

### SUNDAY Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – AACS Spring Break begins.**

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Rehearsal for Holy Thursday 6 pm**  
**Rehearsal for Good Friday 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Night Prayer 10 pm**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed**

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Happy Easter! Easter Egg Hunt after Mass**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$13,256.05**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$600 Food Pantry: \$205**

### Children's Good Deeds

...Helped take apart bed frame...Helping clean up...Helping sister...

...Doing swimming lessons good...Feeding the cat and dog...

...Helping Daddy get ready for new carpet...

...Doing homework...I helped Rhys build a shark...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This week the students are on spring break. Hopefully everyone is enjoying their time wherever they are and make it safely to their destinations. We will come back to school on April 11th and gear up for the final 2 months of school. The time will be filled with a lot of different activities for the students. Happy Easter and I hope you all have a meaningful Holy Week.



*... God Bless ...*

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

*Imagine yourself as one of the people in the crowd, spreading your cloak on the road for Jesus' donkey to walk on, shouting "Hosanna" to him as he passed. Share what you might be experiencing.*

### Reflecting on the Word:



In Jesus' time, kings rode on donkeys through the streets during times of peace. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was intentional. He had his disciples find a specific donkey to ride into Jerusalem during

the great feast of Passover when the streets would be filled with people. Jesus was declaring himself a king and the one about whom the prophets wrote. He was sending a message to all who would hear it: "Behold, your king comes to you." Jesus was not like all other kings with money and a palace. He began life in a stable and labored as a carpenter. Yet he is the king who came to bring us back to the arms of his Father with love and mercy. He truly is the King of Kings, the one "who comes in the name of the Lord."

### Living the Word:

This is a fun Scripture passage to reenact. As a family, divide the parts so that as one person narrates the Scripture, the others may act the story out. Get creative and have fun with it.

## Rice Bowls



What you give up for Lent changes lives. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 190 million people with lifesaving support. Please return your rice bowls. You can also donate online at [www.crsricebowl.org/donate](http://www.crsricebowl.org/donate).

**Our Youth Ministry will be offering an Easter egg hunt after Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass for children ages 10 and under.**





## Palm Sunday

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

More than any other prophet, Isaiah's servant submits to suffering, accepting it without complaint. The difference between Jeremiah who loudly lamented his suffering and the one who gave his back to those who beat him demonstrates the distinction between a Jeremiah who, even knowing what it costs, does what the master asks, and the suffering servant whose communion with God is so profound that he understands the rejection he suffers as a rejection of God and believes that God shares that rejection with him. There is no complaint because they are undergoing it together. Paul intensifies this interpretation of Jesus by giving us the hymn of Philippians 2. This depicts Jesus as the image of the self-emptying God, the God for whom no sacrifice is too great on behalf of beloved humanity.

The key difference in these interpretation is whether we conceive of Jesus as face to face with God, a servant sent on God's behalf, or as the son who flows from the heart of God, as we say in the creed, God from God, light from light. When we interpret Jesus' passion through the lens that understands it as divine self-giving, thoughts of "paying for sin" fade along with every hint that God could have anything to do with violence. Jesus brings home that idea when one of his followers cuts off someone's ear. Jesus had taught his followers to contradict coercion with prophetic action by turning the other cheek; he had taught that God has nothing to do with vengeance but sends rain on the just and unjust. When we allow Isaiah and Paul and Jesus' own words to interpret his passion, we get the picture of Jesus as the expression of God's unfailing love, love rejected but never overcome.

Entering the holiest week of our year, Matthew, Paul and Isaiah invite us to look again at Jesus and see him through their eyes. As we grasp the idea that Jesus was both victimized and invincible, we understand how he was truly the revelation of God's way of being.

If we believe in Jesus as the revelation of God's unceasing love, our own notions of sin and punishment and forgiveness will begin to mirror God's mercy. Then our communal life will be capable of offering the world what it most needs: a living image of Jesus, the revelation of God's great love.

## Easter Triduum

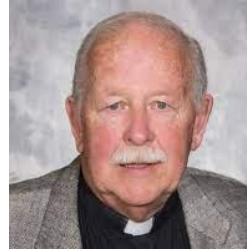
Nathan Mitchell, "The Three Days of Pascha," Notre Dame

What, really, do the liturgies of the triduum celebrate? Most of us believe we know the answer. We assume that Thursday commemorates the day Jesus institutes 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 culminated in his victory over death.

But is "history" the central focus of celebration during the Triduum? Certainly, the early Christian creeds anchored belief in the historical, this—worldly circumstances that accompanied Jesus' suffering and crucifixion "under Pontius Pilate." Jesus' life, career and death were, in other words, attached to a specific place. His proclamation of God's arrival in the present moment (God's "reign"), his old challenge to understand God in and as one's neighbor, his rejection of "religion" as a means of social or political control—all this took place not in

some cosmic cloud of unknowing but in a remote province of the later Roman Empire at a time of sociopolitical transition.

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 in history passes over into the mystery of the assembly's liturgical/sacramental celebrations. What the paschal triduum celebrates is mystery, not history.



*Father Tom was a Servant to the Servants of God. He has completed his earthly pilgrimage and has returned to the Lord. He had a long and good life, serving the Church with devotion and love in a variety of ministries. In his sacramental ministry he welcomed*

individuals into the Church and touched them with the grace of God in the Sacrament of Baptism. He celebrated Mass a thousand times, offering thanksgiving to the Lord on behalf of God's People and making God present among them in the Eucharist. He has forgiven the sins of God's people, freeing them from guilt, and giving them the blessed opportunity to make a new beginning. He has prepared couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, witnessing their vows on behalf of the Church and bestowing God's blessings as they begin their journey together. He has accompanied frightened, vulnerable people during times of illness, anointing them with oil, assuring them of the presence and compassion of Christ. He has celebrated many funerals, sending holy souls to eternal life with the prayers of the Church and giving comfort and hope to those who mourn the loss of their loved ones. Catholic education was inevitably at the core of Fr. Tom. He believed in and supported our parish school and worked diligently to ensure its future. Father Tom leaves behind the witness of a good life that was informed and directed by the love of God. He leaves behind an example of generous sacrifice and commitment that made a positive difference for others. And he leaves behind a legacy of faith, hope and love in the people he served, planting in them the very seeds of eternal life. He will indeed live forever, not in measurable secular terms, but in the faith of the people whose lives he touched during his priestly ministry. We thank God for Father Tom and his priestly service, and we pray: "Lord, you gave our Pastor the privilege of a holy ministry in this world. May he rejoice forever in the glory of your kingdom." Amen.

*Father Sutton's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12 at St. Joseph Church (St. Gabriel Parish), 84 W. Midland Rd., Auburn. The Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss, Bishop of Saginaw, will preside and Reverend Gerald Balwinski will be the homilist. Priests of the Diocese of Saginaw will concelebrate the Funeral Mass. The Rite of Committal will take place at St. Patrick Cemetery. Visitation will take place at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday April 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a Vigil Prayer Service at 7 p.m. led by Reverend Robert Howe and Reverend Jack Johnson, and again on Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass.*



**Update for CMA...** Here is the latest info for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$59,126.62 (80% of our goal) has been pledged toward our target of \$74,253 by 48% of our parish families. If you have not pledged please do so and help us reach our goal



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### St. Anthony Cemetery

COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche

CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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