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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. 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 or 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 APRIL 6, 2020-HOLY WEEK

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-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

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

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

### SATURDAY – Holy Saturday

41: Gn 1:1—2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 Gn 22:1-18

### SUNDAY – Easter Sunday

42:Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee  
Alert your family that we begin Holy Week today. Palm Sunday is a day of high emotions: happiness and heartbreak. We heard today that Jesus obeyed his Father's will, even when he was scared, and he faced certain death. How do you understand God's will for you?

### Reflecting on the Word:

The Palm Sunday liturgy begins and ends in darkness. The same crowds that joyfully welcome Jesus as he enters Jerusalem are to turn against him just a few days later. They will jeer at him and condemn him. They ignore the truth they have seen with their own eyes. How many times have we ignored the Truth that has been revealed to us? Turned a blind eye to the presence of God in our lives? Forsaken the truth and goodness in the face of societal pressure?

### Living the Word:

We began Lent by receiving ashes, which were burned from last year's palm branches. Today we begin Holy Week and receive (or will receive) new blessed palms. Look for tutorials online to fashion palms into crosses. You might have your children process through the house singing "All Glory Laud and Honor" (search YouTube for the music and words) or another appropriate hymn. Blessed palms are usually placed over a door or behind a crucifix.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities and gatherings are currently suspended per Bishop Gruss as of March 17<sup>th</sup> through at least April 13<sup>th</sup>. Further details to follow as they are available.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$7,737

Easter Flowers: \$297 Food Pantry: \$940 CRS: \$329

Children G☺d Deeds

I made an Easter egg for Mom-Grady Lynch... I helped Daddy make donuts-Bennett Lynch...The Pope boys and Pickvet girls put on Stations of the Cross for the prayer group...AACs students made cards for people in the local assisted living facilities...I made a chocolate cake for dessert-Silas Bock...Keeping up with my school work-Miles Bock...Sent my Auntie a card, helped Dad rake the lawn-Parker Lutz. *Please let us know the good deeds that your kids are doing while at home!* [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

### Online Giving...

**During these uncertain times, your parish still needs your support.** Do not forget the availability of online giving. You can go to the parish website and "click" online giving, you can also go to My parish App or use the link below. While we are unable to attend weekly mass and may be worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are. <https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds> As always you can mail your envelopes or bring them into the parish office, Monday-Friday 8:30 am -4:30 pm



## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Being away from school and work has taken a toll on all of us financially, emotionally, and spiritually. During this time of difficult circumstances, we must unite as one body and know that our faith is the driving part of our lives. God has never said life would be easy, but that he would always be there for us when we need him. Our focus during this time of lent is to work on prayer, almsgiving, and fasting; pray when you feel the emotional stresses of this time, fast from the distractions of life and focus on the important things and give of yourselves however you are able. We will get through these tough times and will have a better understanding of what is truly important.

The Gospel this week is the focus of our Faith, and when Jesus shares the Eucharist with the 12. Jesus knows what was going to happen in the near future, so he took the bread, blessed it, and shared it with the apostles. As a child I was naive in thinking that Christmas was the most important Catholic tradition. Now I know that Easter is truly the most important because of the Eucharist. Sharing in this Sacred Tradition is the most important part of my week, and like many of you, I am really missing this aspect of my Faith. I am continuing to pray for all of you and everyone impacted by this virus.

✠ **God Bless**

## Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

**Do you know why.....**we call celebration of the

Eucharist a memorial? While this is probably not a term that you might use in reference to Mass, it is a very important concept to understand. The concept of memorial, or remembering, has its roots in the Jewish celebration of Passover where the participants make "memory" of the whole saving and liberating action of God in the past. But this is not a "remembering" in our customary understanding of the word. It is not recalling. Rather, it is making present a re-actualization for "today" of something that occurred in the past. Therefore, every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we "make present" the action of Christ. This is what is meant by the words: "Do this in memory of me." The entire Eucharistic Prayer is a memorial—a making present of God's saving deeds in Christ so that their fullness and power take effect here and now. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we not only remember what has been, we also relive what is Christ's continuing work of salvation

## Random acts of kindness...

**If you know of any kind acts, generous gifts, simple gestures or things that renew our faith in humankind, please let the parish office know. We would like to bring you some "good news" during these trying times. We could all use a reason to smile! Call (989) 662-6861 or email [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)**



### Baby News!

Parishioners Andrew and Jessica Krauss welcomed new baby *Julia Ann* on 3-14-2020! Big brother Jax loves her and remarked "I am just glad she is not in Mom's tummy anymore!"



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Palm Sunday**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

As Matthew's version of the passion and death of Jesus is proclaimed (Gospel). Every evil tendency of humankind will be revealed. We will be told of Judas' betrayal and of Peter's denial. We will listen as the disciples are so oblivious to Jesus that they fall asleep when he needs their support. We will hear the lies told about Jesus, as well as the peoples' mockery of him. We will sense the fierceness of the crowd, the weakness of Pilate and the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders. Then, in the most horrifying but sacred moment when Jesus gives up his spirit on the cross, the evils of humankind, grave though they are, will be eclipsed by a love that is at once intense and pure. It is this great love of God that has seen Jesus through each of his days and nights. This loving nature of God was reflected in Jesus' gentle way with sinners, in his willingness to welcome children, in his outreach to foreigners and outcasts. God's loving nature was evident each time Jesus healed the sick and forgave sinners. This love was revealed most eloquently at the last supper Jesus shared with his friends, where he gave himself as food. After his death and resurrection, the disciples knew him to be present in the breaking of the bread.

As we celebrate these most holy days, let us remember, as we break open the bread of the word and share the bread of life, that God's nature continues to be revealed to us. May we also live in such a way that God's nature is revealed through us.

**Servant Song: (Isaiah 50)**

*Celebration*

In the wake of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, those who believed in him came to the realization that the servant songs described the person and mission of Jesus. While most awaited a King who would rally Israel's armies to rout their enemies and reestablish them as a free nation, along came Jesus with an entirely different plan and message. A traditional perspective might regard the cross as a scandal and a suffering messiah as an oxymoron, but the servant songs provided insight and assurance that God's purpose for Israel was being fulfilled in a manner they did not expect. In order to help them to accept a plan that seemed to destroy their hope and shock their sensibilities, the prophet and the servant prayed and preached morning after morning, day after day. Each year, we enter Holy Week and we become reacquainted with the coat of our salvation. We renew our faith and deepen our gratitude for the One in whom the very nature of God continues to be revealed to us.

**Servant Hymn: (Philippines 2)**

*Celebration*

By incorporating this pre-Pauline hymn into his letter, Paul captured the essence of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection in one of the most eloquent and profound Christological statements in the Christian scriptures.

Structurally, the hymn exhibits a parabolic rhythm in which Jesus moves from his place at God's right hand and plummets "downward,"

first taking on flesh and blood, then accepting the status of a slave and then descending to an ignominious death on the cross. From those depths, and because of his obedience to the point of death, the Son was exalted, and the movement of the parabola continues "upward," celebrating the resurrection of Jesus into glory. Drawn together and "upward" with Jesus are all those who – by virtue of his incarnation, passion and death – have been delivered from the depths of sin and death. All who are baptized in Jesus' name share his journey from death to life. Because of its emphasis on obedience and a suffering servant who was vindicated by God, some have called this hymn a fifth servant song. By perfectly fulfilling the servant's mission, Jesus received the name "Lord," and is deserving of our faith and grateful adoration.

**Called to Follow:**

Pat Marrin, *Celebration*

On Palm Sunday, Jesus chose nonviolence, humility and simplicity to challenge the illusion of power. So, must we. Jesus cleansed the temple of commerce and complicity between organized religion and money. So, must we. At the Last Supper: Jesus celebrated his life and death in the pattern of the Paschal Mystery: self-sacrificing love for the common good. So, must we. After his arrest in the garden, Jesus challenged the courts, both sacred and secular, to expose false assumptions and injustice against the innocent. This is our Christian vocation as well. Jesus died on the cross for love, laying down his life for his friends, trusting totally in God to vindicate his cause. He rose from the grave to proclaim that love is greater than death, that truth is a force more powerful than any empire, kingdom or system that advances its own agenda at the cost of human liberation and community.

Our celebration of the gospel is nothing less than a school for learning how to transform the world. Palm/Passion Sunday is a staging area for our mission to the world. Holy Week is our invitation to enter more deeply into the life of Christ, which is our own life and vocation from birth and baptism. Jesus is in the world through us. If we do not imitate him, our world will not know Easter.

**The Triduum:**

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**Little White Books:**

† If you are in need of an extra book for a friend or neighbor or if you need a LARGE PRINT book, please call the parish office and we can mail you your request as long as our supply lasts.

**Please Pray for:**

† We ask for your prayers for the following people:

**Christopher Hunt**

**Alan Black**

**Jennie Jezewski**

**Jim Klida**

**Jaunita "Billie" Szutkowski**

In the absence of mass we would still like to offer up prayers for the sick or deceased. (let us know if you have someone to remember in our prayer corner)



THANK YOU

**Food Pantry Thank-you!**

We received a very generous donation of \$400 from The Knights of Columbus for the food pantry and the parishioners of St Gabriel have also GENEROUSLY donated food and money throughout the week. The kindness of this parish is overwhelming!! We currently serve between 8 and 10 families a week and will continue to serve the clients who come into the Food Pantry in any way we can. We could not do what we do if it weren't for you!! the Parish Office will continue to take donations between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

**FYI...**

To the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish, we will continue to publish the bulletin on our website and we will have additional copies available in the drop box outside of the Parish Office. We will try to keep you in the know during the shutdown. **Please let us know via email of anything you may like published** [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

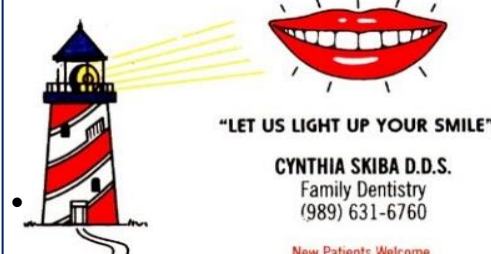


**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at somewhat of a standstill with the shutdown. Know that we are still in the process and hope that we can have it completed in the not to distant future, then get it to the publisher. Thank-you for your patience!



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# Holy Week

It is not always easy to understand these profound mysteries of our faith, but over time we grow in appreciation for our celebrations.

## The Triduum

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### † HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – John 13:1-15

Lent ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The reception of the Holy Oils takes place and the Washing of the Feet is celebrated. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the place of Reservation. At the conclusion of our Eucharist, we are invited, as were the first disciples, to watch and pray with the Lord on the night before his crucifixion and death. We keep watch, here at the moment of Jesus' greatest need.

#### Night Prayer

Please pray as a community of believers.

Ask God to bring healing, peace and love to those effected by COVID-19.



### † GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 – Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 – John 18:1 – 19:42

The celebration of the Lord's Passion is celebrated with the altar striped of ornamentation and the tabernacle is left open and empty. Mass is not celebrated on this day. The liturgy includes readings, prayers and intercessions followed by the veneration of the cross and concluded with Eucharist, reserved from our Holy Thursday celebration.

### † EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Easter Vigil is a rich moment in time in which we are drawn into Jesus' timeless victory over sin and death that is now ours. It begins near darkness, and then a single candle is lit from the fire—the paschal candle. We will then listen to Scripture readings. When the Gloria is intoned, the lights of the church are turned on, giving a vivid symbol of the light that floods our lives through Jesus. Some of the symbols that make this liturgy so rich are fire, water, oil, light and darkness.

#### Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 – Colossians 3:1-4 – John 20:1-9

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus Christ is Risen!

*Alleluia*  
Christ is Risen!