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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 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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

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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 17th, 2023

MONDAY

267: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY Mass 4:30 pm

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

46: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

St. Thomas doubts that Jesus had risen. Feeling doubt is natural sometimes in our life of faith. What is most important is what we do with our doubt. It is okay to have questions, as Thomas did. It is okay to rely on God as you seek the answers to your questions. Doubt can make your faith stronger. Encourage your children to ask what might be in their hearts about God. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Who are those that have believed without seeing? Is this hard or easy to do?



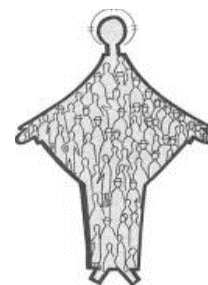
Reflecting on the Word:

Today's Gospel begins on the evening of that first Easter Sunday. The apostles have locked themselves in the room out of fear that what happened to Jesus would also happen to them. Thomas is not there with them but hears about Jesus' appearance later. He doubts what the others have told him. He wanted to see with his own eyes and touch with his own fingers before he could trust again. Jesus knows this and meets Thomas where he is. Jesus restores Thomas' trust and calls him to a deeper faith in him. This is God's divine mercy for us all. It is God meeting us where we are, like Thomas, and loving us back to fullness with him.



Living the Word:

As a family look up the painting *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* by Caravaggio. Discuss what you see and what each person in the painting might be feeling.



Thank you! To everyone who helped make Holy Week so wonderful! Ushers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir and all who participated. What a wonderful thing it is when our church community comes together.



5 Ways to Live Easter Joy Each Day

Taken from: Take Out: Family Faith on the Go

*Do something nice for

someone. *Take a moment to appreciate the beauty of nature around you. *Try to live more simply. *Don't stifle your laugh when you see something funny. *End each day by thanking God for all the good things in your life.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 18th – Quilters 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 19th – Knitters 10 am

Thursday, April 20th – First Eucharist Practice 6 pm & 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 22nd – First Eucharist Weekend

Sunday, April 23rd – CLOW&Nursery 9:30 am Youth Ministry 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$12,889.35

Rice Bowl: \$600 Food Pantry: \$50

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping my sister use the bathroom...Helping put on shoes...

...Taking a nap on the plane...I gave Rhys his egg...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The students will begin NWEA testing this week and it will wrap up on May 19th. This will be the final testing for the year and will show the students' overall growth. Grandparents mass is also on the 26th of April at 9:00 AM. Please join us in prayer and the sacraments!

Loon's tickets for June 11th can be purchased at the school office, church office, or at the SCRIP sale after mass. Tickets are lawn seats and cost \$10 per ticket.



This week we hear about how easy it is to doubt Jesus and we all have had these moments in our lives. The Apostles aren't any different and they traveled with Jesus. His closest companions still carried the burden of doubt and sin even after spending time with our Lord. To fight doubt, the best solution is to seek answers and pray to God for guidance.

Eventually your doubts will quell, and God will provide you with what you need in order to proceed.

...God Bless ...



2nd Sunday of Easter

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

John's Gospel gives us two accounts in which Jesus becomes present in the midst of a group of his disciples, appearances neither Mark nor Matthew even mention, and which Luke presents as a single incident. In reading the resurrection accounts we need to remember that the evangelists' purpose was not to write newspaper reports but to lead the readers to reflect on their own faith in the risen Lord.

Jesus appeared in their midst as the antithesis of everything represented by their current state of heart and mind. While they were shrouding themselves from reality, he, the supposedly missing one, sought them out. John says simply that Jesus greeted them with peace. While that is an ordinary greeting spoken today by both Jews and Muslims, it expresses profound blessings of wholeness and integrity, and undoubtedly in this instance, reconciliation. The disciples who thought they were safely locked away were suddenly confronted by the crucified one now fully alive. Although that would have been enough to undo them, they were also face to face with the friend and teacher they had abandoned and denied.

The risen Lord never appeared with flashy ostentation. Instead, he appeared to his beloved friends with a simplicity comparable to that of his birth in the stable. When he appeared on the inside of the locked doors, he showed the disciples his hands and feet, signs of all that had happened and also the definitive sign that evil and death had no power over him—not on the cross, not ever.

Jesus who had spoken at such length at the Last Supper makes only a few short statements when he appears among the disciples. The one word he repeats is "Peace." When they hear that they surely recall his promise to give them peace unlike any in the world. After that greeting Jesus showed them the maimed hands and feet that identified him as exactly who he was: the crucified and risen one.

Easter's Task

Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

After speaking a second blessing of peace Jesus imparted on them the graced power to become who they were called to be. Breathing over them into his own relationship of being loved and commissioned to carry on the Father's work, Jesus gave the disciples the one ministry that symbolized and included everything he had done and was handing on to them: "Forgive. You have the power. You have the necessary grace. Forgive."

Thomas' Witness

Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Thomas is Jesus' key dialogue partner in the second appearance story which begins just like the first: with peace. Except for his need to touch the risen Jesus, we don't know the details of Thomas' struggle to believe. Did he find the testimony of the first witness unconvincing? Was it doubt that death could really be overcome? Perhaps he couldn't believe that they could all really be forgiven for their betrayals. Whatever blocked him, it was symbolized in what Jesus had suffered; Thomas had to see for himself that one so wounded could be living and loving. So, Jesus acted out exactly what he had told the disciples to do: demonstrating how to be forgiving and hold fast to one who could be lost, Jesus invited Thomas to

touch him and to take his place in the believing community. Thomas needed no further evidence. In this second week of Easter the early community and Thomas stand as witnesses to us. Their stories encourage us to allow Christ's word of peace and reconciliation to touch us and move us into mission. They remind us that locked doors are ineffective against the appearance of grace and that Christ approaches closed minds with love.

Community Life

Celebration

Luke depicts Christians as intensely communal people whose life was marked by three characteristic activities: They attended to the teachings of the apostles, they lived in solidarity and prayed together. This meant first that they attended to their own growth in faith by reflecting together on their Scriptures, their experience of the historical Jesus, and the signs and wonders happening in their midst. Members of the early Christian community found themselves in the unexpected position of having to thoroughly rethink their faith traditions in the light of what God had done through Jesus. It was, of course, a task that would continue for millennia, but their reflections became the organizing material for the narratives and teachings of what we call Christian Scriptures and all the theology that flows from it. According to Luke, the second activity that characterized the community was life in solidarity. Some people describe this as the original Christian socialism, but that description falls short in that it seems to assign an ideology or a theory by which to regulate their communal life. Instead of following a philosophy, their way of being a community was a response to their experience of God among them. The more deeply they were aware of God's love, mercy and forgiveness, the more they created practices that gave concrete expression and structures to prolong the experience of grace they felt among them. To the extent that they knew themselves to be loved and called into union with God and one another, rivalry and hoarding made no sense. The thought that some of them might lack what they needed would have been a source of pain and shame.

The third dimension of their communal life was shared prayer. They prayed in their traditional way at the temple area as well in their unique way by celebrating the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread. Their celebration of the breaking of the bread gave sacramental expression to their participation in Christ's self-giving. Saying that they ate their meals with exultation illustrates their basic attitude of gratitude, their awareness of God's grace in their life together.

"Lord, help my unbelief."

The JOY of Gratitude

Ongoing Easter blessings to all of my sisters and brothers in the St. Gabriel parish family. I want to express my deep gratitude to you all for our sharing of the recent 'high holy days'—Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. You were most gracious to me, and I deeply appreciate your many kindnesses. In particular I want to thank the many ministers and helpers who aided me as I led the liturgies of the week. Lectors, servers, hospitality ministers, the choir, Sue, and Sandy were all well prepared and extremely accommodating and so helped us to collaborate to lead the community in beautiful days of praying through the rich (but complex) liturgies of the special week. Thank you all for the joys and hopes we celebrated. May God continue to bless your community.



Peace, Fr. Joe Griffin



Update for CMA... Here are the end of March numbers for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$59,966.60 (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. We are so close!



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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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