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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 *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACS 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 18, 2022

MONDAY

261: Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY

262: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118: 1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

266: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

45: Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
Jn 20:19-31



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 18th – No School

Wednesday, April 20th – Knitters 10 am

Blood Drive 1:30 – 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 23rd – Baptism – 11 am

Sunday, April 24th – CLOW/Nursery – 9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$22,015

Food Pantry: \$165 Catholic Relief Services: \$25

Children G☺☺d Deed

...Helping my sister...Making my bed when I wake up...

...Helping out Brooklyn...Played with my cat...Getting the mail...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The students this month are working on industriousness. The definition of industriousness is **steady attention and effort, as to one's occupation**: application, assiduity, assiduousness, diligence, industry, sedulousness. Continuing to work in the classroom, creating a relationship with God, and trying to be a good person require constant attention. We have a lot of trials and tribulations in our lives, and how we respond when we have problems defines us as individuals. Using our virtues in our lives help us to develop good habits that eventually become a part of our character.



Easter is upon us now! Jesus has risen to save us from our sins. It is a beautiful time for our faith. Jesus sacrificed himself to open the gates of Heaven. I hope you have a blessed Easter celebration with friends and family.

...God Bless...

We would like to say **"THANK-YOU"** to the families of Auburn Area Catholic School for so generously supporting our Food Pantry during Lent. We have seen an increase in new clients as well as our regulars over the past month and those donations made it much easier to help everyone in need!

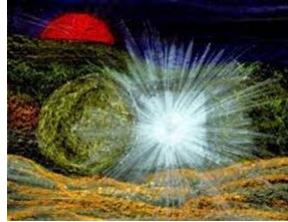


EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Look around, do you notice any signs of new life in nature? What once appeared dead is now full of life.

Reflecting on the Word:



Alleluia! Today, we celebrate the heart of our Christian faith: that God's life and love are stronger than death. Mary, Peter, and John "did not yet understand...

that [Jesus] had to rise from the dead." Keep in mind how shocking this even must have been for Mary and the disciples. But though they did not fully understand, they believed, as we do today. We are filled with the promise of God's life. This is cause for great rejoicing!

Living the Word:

It is a tradition in many families to color eggs for Easter. Eggs are a wonderful symbol of new life. They also remind us of how Jesus' tomb was broken open to reveal new life. Use some of your colored eggs to make a beautiful centerpiece for your table today.

Easter Dinner Prayer



Creator God and Lord of Life, you who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life. We pause in the midst of this prayer to

remember all those who are not with us who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead. May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death. May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner. Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy. May You, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Christian community of St. Gabriel parish joyfully welcomes Nick Jennings, Sarah Gwizdala & Kaileigh Melnik into the fullness of the Catholic Faith and Christian life.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Easter Greetings - May the good news of resurrection lift your spirits, strengthen your faith, and enliven your hope in an eternal springtime

Easter Sunday:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Jesus lives! Jesus is risen! God made him Lord and Christ!

These are a few of the of the very earliest creedal formulae with which the first believers in Jesus enunciated their faith in the Resurrection. As this central tenet of all our believing and all of our living is celebrated today and in the weeks to come, preachers and the people in the pews may find it challenging to wrap their minds and hearts around this mystery.

Of course, we will hear and believe what Peter will proclaim in the first reading from Acts, that the life and death and resurrection of Jesus have brought forgiveness to sinners. We will also agree as Paul reminds the Corinthians that the risen Jesus empowers believers to set aside malice and wickedness to live in sincerity and truth. We will also rejoice as the young man featured in today's Marcan Gospel announces to the women at the tomb that Jesus has been raised. He goes before us, we shall see him he assures us.

With these sacred texts for inspiration, some preachers will be moved to speak of new life and new beginnings and new possibilities for growth. Others will talk of victory, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Still others will draw parallels between the sacred rites and the reflection of these truths in the world of nature. What has been seemingly dead is now coming to life once again as trees remember their leaves and buds open into blossoms

Peter's Proclamation (Acts 10):

Celebration

Peter had a dream that moved him to acknowledge the preciousness of all peoples in God's eyes and to admit that the barriers that human beings erect against one another have no place in the community of believers. Peter's dream or vision urged him toward a universal acceptance of others.

Peter's dream and the insight it afforded led him to the home of Cornelius, a Roman soldier, and a God-fearing man. There, Peter delivered the proclamation of the good news about Jesus, part of which constitutes today's first reading. Like the other speeches in Acts, this one was formulated largely by the Lucan evangelist, who was directing these words not only at Cornelius but to all his Christian readers. In this declaration, the continuity between the preaching and teaching of Jesus and that of the early Christian evangelists was firmly established. This continuity offered assurance to those who joined the community in the post-Resurrection period that they were indeed becoming part of the movement toward grace and toward God that Jesus had initiated.

Hopeful (Colossians 3):

Service

Paul talks to the Colossians about a new kind of living. "Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. After all, *you have died!*" It is a big assumption on Paul's part to take for granted that we have died. He says our real life is "hidden" now. It sometimes seems hopelessly hidden. But because we are inseparably joined to Christ we hope anyway. Our hope is not based on human nature but on the

power of the risen Christ. No tomb can keep us captive either in this life or the next. And for this we gladly sing 'Alleluia!'

Our Experience (Luke 24):

Grace Works

So here we gather, thousands of years later, on yet another Easter morning. How can we know, really know, the risen Christ? We cannot discover the empty tomb; we do not have an appearance of angels. But Luke's gospel has a reassuring word for us. For Luke wrote to a generation of the Church that had to hear of these stories second-hand, just like us. And here is the secret to experiencing Easter, according to Luke. It was the empty tomb, nor even the angels, that led the first Christians to faith in the risen Christ. It was remembering his words in the context of the Church. So, Easter people, you are at no disadvantage at all, these two thousand years later. Just remember the scriptures. Come to the table of the Lord. And here, right here, you will experience the risen Christ yourself.

Resurrection Images:

Celebration

As an Easter present, I offer three hopeful images of resurrection. First, the resurrection is the beginning of a volcanic eruption. The scriptures say that Jesus Descended into hell. That is a picturesque way of telling us that Jesus went into the very heart of darkness and destroyed the beast in its lair. Evil has been overcome at the core of creation. The fact that this internal eruption has not yet overflowed in lava spills does not mean that nothing had happened.

What has happened is a new ordering of reality. Death and resurrection have become the pattern, the paradigm of human existence. Meaning life is not ordered by fate, chance, or evolution.

Rather, life is a series of crises, of small dyings and risings. And human growth comes not from success but from failure. Growth comes not from graduation but from immersion in the work force. Growth comes not from marriage but from loss of self in a family. Several wise people down the centuries have observed that what does not kill us strengthens us. Only one person in all of history said that, even if it kills us, we will live.

Second, the resurrection is the burning fuse of an explosive charge. Imagine all the creative energy of the universe rolled up into that charge. Jesus' resurrection is the lighting of its fuse. There is no big bang yet, but there are innumerable sparks of hope.

Each one of us is a compact package of concentrated energy. We can fritter our spark away or direct it creatively. The pain is the same for a cancer as for a toothache. We can extend our love on God or a cat. The point is to use our spark well.

Third, the resurrection is Jesus, the drum major of the human parade. Everyone loves a parade, better yet a procession, most of all a march. We do not become related only when we love; we are born related. We do not first exist and then form relationships; we are born into a world of relations.

The risen Jesus as a drum major is the guarantee that our faith is the final reality. Wherever we are in the parade, we are all bound together by the common cause of God. All of us homeless people are going to the same place for the same reason. Our leader has already set foot on the holy ground. Alleluia.

New Life:

Mark Strobel, *The Liturgical Press*

On Easter we meet face-to face with the unexpected and crucial truth of faith. In the death and resurrection of Christ we are encountered by God doing something doing something unexpected in the middle of a dying world and in the middle of our own lives where heartbreak and sorrow, sin and death, are what we have come to expect. The resurrection of Jesus—this first Easter, this first day of the week, this new beginning—is filled with God's gifts of forgiveness, hope, and all creation is made new. But to say that in Christ all things are made new does not mean that, as we move into the future, each day will better and better, or safer, more peaceful



The Colors of Easter

Green is for the palms they waved at Him as He entered into Jerusalem.

Purple is for the wine He poured and blessed before He faced his final test.

Red is for the precious blood He shed from the crown of thorns placed on His head.

Black is for the sky as He died on the cross, suffering to redeem our loss.

Pink, yellow, and orange are for the dawn that morn when the tomb was empty and hope was reborn.

White is for the dazzling light that awed all who saw Him arisen - Son of God.

ALLELUIA!



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