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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 MAY 9TH, 2021

MONDAY

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY

293: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

294: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16-20

FRIDAY

564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 12th – Visitation 12-1:30 pm - Funeral-1:30 pm

Thursday, May 13th – Parish Council Meeting-7 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$16,310

Food Pantry: \$125 Migrant Ministry: \$70

Children's G☺od Deeds

...I made a fort with my brother...I carried in the groceries...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The school returned to form this week, and I could not be prouder of the staff here at AACCS. The teachers seamlessly transitioned to a virtual delivery, and I am impressed with what they were able to provide for our students! They are truly deserving of appreciation this past week! I appreciate you all, the parents appreciate you, and your children adore you! Thank you for all your hard work!

This week Jesus talks about love and its role in our lives as children of God. Loving another person as God loves us is probably one of the most difficult tasks to accomplish. Think about it, God loves you even though you are flawed and sin on a continual basis, no matter what the circumstances are! My kids will tell you that I am a bear in the mornings, and that I truly need time to wake up, drink some coffee, collect my thoughts, and then I am approachable. I would have a very hard time fulfilling God's continual love in that moment, but it does not mean I will not try. I try to be better, and after I hear my comments repeated back to me, I am slightly ashamed of my tone or delivery, so I repeat it in the manner I meant to speak in the first place. God is love, and the more we share God's love with those around us, the better our world will be.

... God Bless...

Baptism Preparations Sessions

We have a wonderful team offering 2 preparations sessions: Prep I session is for first time parents & Prep II is for those parents who have already attended a Prep I session. We are currently offering these sessions in-person and virtually.

Contact Sandy, 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to register for a preparation session and set your celebration date.



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

What are God's commandments? Which ones do you remember and keep? Do you think Jesus' commandment to love is different from or the same as the Ten Commandments?

Reflecting on the Word:

It is still Easter Time. Are we still celebrating? In today's Gospel, we are reminded about love. Jesus loves us and asks us to remain in his love, just as he remains in his Father's love. Jesus finds great joy in loving us, and his love should bring us great joy! Jesus asks us to love not only him, but to love one another. Repeatedly, the Gospel narratives remind us that love is the central mission of Jesus. As he says here, we did not choose him, but he chose us! That is something to celebrate!



Living the Word:

Jesus asks us to love one another. How can we show people close to us that we love them? How can we show someone that we do not know very well that we love him or her too? Gather some ideas with your children and put them into action. We human beings experience love primarily through the power of appropriate touch. Share a hug, snuggle, or show support to someone with a hand on the shoulder or a simple fist bump. Let us find great joy in loving others!

Mother's Day Prayer

By Susan Kramer

Blessed be all mothers,
Who have come into our lives,
Whose kindness, care and loving,
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us,
Made us strive in every way,
Especially, to remember,
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute,
Flows directly from our hearts,
You are so loved and cherished,
Invaluable, one and all, you are.



Mark Your Calendars:

Graduation Mass

Sunday June 6th @

9:30 a.m. Mass



Vacation Bible School July 27, 28 & 29





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In today's first reading from Acts, we see Peter slowly growing into the realization that God is impartial and indiscriminating. God loves and accepts all who stand in awe before God regardless of their race, gender, social status, age or background. This was the lesson Peter learned well, but not without difficulty. For all his life, he had kept his distance from gentiles, believing them to be ritually unclean. He did not enter their homes, let alone eat with them. Yet, through God's intervention in the form of visions and an angel messenger, Peter was able to grasp something of God's universal, salvific plan for all of humankind. This was a watershed moment for the early church, and it is presented as such by Luke, who devotes almost two complete chapters to Cornelius' story.

In today's second reading, the Johannine epistolary writer speaks frankly about love. Love is of God; God is love. The author of 1 John was so convinced of God's love that he made his point again and again, trying to convince the members of his community and his readers through the centuries that God is love. Those who truly know God will love others, and that love will witness to the world of the presence of God among us.

Today's Gospel represents a very important aspect of the tradition and faith deposit of the Johannine community. Jesus is calling his own to remain in his love, to keep the commandments to love another; to go, bear fruit and to ask the Father anything in his name—all this in order that they might know joy. This joy will be referenced again in John 16:24, where Jesus urges the disciples to pray in his name "so that your joy may be complete," and in 17:13, where he tells his own that *his* joy will be complete in them. Jesus did not call sad sacks into himself. He calls out to us as Brother, Sister, Friend. He remains in us, and we in him. He is the revelation of the love of God for us. "The greatest honor you can give God is to live in joy of knowledge of God's love. If our joy gives honor to God, then it is our duty to be joyful" (Julian of Norwich, ca. 1342-1423).

Open to the Spirit (Acts 10): *Celebration*

Set within the context of Jesus' farewell discourse, today's Gospel clarifies the privileges and responsibilities of being branches on the one true vine who is Jesus. The blessings of joy, love and friendship are to be answered by a return of love and by fruitfulness and fidelity. This process is made possible because Jesus remains in his own, and they in him. Such indwelling is evidenced in the love of the Father for the Son, and in the Son's obedience (keeping the commandment of love) to the Father. In the same way, Jesus' followers enjoy the continued indwelling presence and love of the Father and Jesus by their faithful commitment to their Lord's commands. Not only does love promote communion with God; it also transforms the one who loves (vv.9-10), and the fruit of that communion is (v. 11).

Today, 20 centuries later, after periods of fruitfulness and times of barrenness, after much pruning, many conversions, much repentance, and many recommitments to Jesus—the vine and the branches continue to grow. At the heart of this growth is the fact that Jesus remains in us and we in him.

Belief and Action (1 John 4): *Celebration*

In addition to being a theological and Christological statement, "God is love" also represents a moral imperative. Those who believe in God, who is love, and accept that God's love is revealed in Jesus Christ, are challenged to translate their belief and acceptance into words, actions and policies that accurately express and attest to this love.

Convinced that the mutual love of believers is an integral and necessary aspect of God's plan, the ancient author also held the conviction that this mutual love functions as revelation. Just as the love

of God became flesh in Jesus, so should this love become incarnate and revelatory in the lives of believers.

Good Fruit (John 15): *Celebration*

Following immediately upon the beautiful imagery of the vine and the branches (vv.1-8), this pericope elucidates in clear and striking language the privileges and responsibilities of those who are graced with such a relationship with Jesus. First among those privileges is the gift of being loved by Jesus. His love, like the Father's love for him, is to be worthily received and reciprocated by a willingness to keep the commandments. When the Johannine Jesus speaks of commandments, he is referring to greater obligations than those imposed by the precepts of the law mediated through Moses on Sinai. Obedience to those basic ordinances is presumed, but those who are the beloved of Jesus are to rise to a new level of obedience by loving as he loves (15:12, 17;13:34).

Privileged to be called the beloved friends of Jesus, the disciples are thereby responsible for being faithful to Jesus at all times, recognizing that it is he who chose them and not vice versa.

With that choice comes the gift of the spirit, who enables the disciples' fidelity, service, and commitment. These virtues, when lived out on a daily basis will constitute the good fruit that Jesus, the vine, expects of his branches, his friends.

Well Said: *Celebration*

Augustine was convinced that the author of 1 John had succeeded in distilling the good news into one powerful three-word proclamation: "God is love" (v. 8). "If nothing else were said in the rest of the epistle," said Augustine, "nay, in the rest of the scripture, and we had heard from the mouth of the Spirit of God only that one statement, we would not have to look for anything else."

Love's Types: Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands us to love one another as he has loved us. In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes that there are three things, "faith, hope and love." And the greatest of these is love. "It seems that there is nothing more important to us than love. Love is mentioned over 600 times in one translation of the Bible. If you go to the internet and type in the word "love" you'll get nearly 2 trillion responses.

Love comes in four flavors: Generic: "I love a good cup of coffee." Eros: "I love you, my darling." Philo: "I love all of my friends." Agape: "I love you unconditionally." Agape is the highest form of love, where we expect nothing in return. It is like the love of a parent for a child, or the love God has for us.

True Friend: *Celebration*

Throughout the course of the fourth Gospel, the Johannine Jesus has called his followers by many names. First he called them *disciples* and invited them to come to him, to see where he lived and to stay with him (John 1:35-40). Then he called them his beloved *sheep* for whom he would lay down his life (John 10). Last week, Jesus called his own *branches* growing upon the one true vine; i.e., himself. He also spoke of pruning and trimming them clean so as to make them *fruitful branches*. In today's Gospel, the name by which Jesus chooses to call his own is a very intimate one. "I call you friends," says Jesus. "I no longer speak of you as slaves...instead, I call you friends" (v.15).

The word "friend" is a term that does not always convey its true meaning in our society, wherein such words are often cheapened by abuse and overuse. It was once very aptly defined by another Jesus (ben Sira) in the second century BCE: "A faithful friend is a shelter; those who find a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance their worth. A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as those who fear God find. Those who fear God behave accordingly and their friends will be like themselves" (Sirach 6:14-17).

"I pray Lord, for a faithful life"



CMA Update:

As of April 15th, the total amount of pledges and contributions is **\$75,655** 106% of our target of \$71,210. That is 310 parishioners/families (60% of members) who helped us reach our target.

Thanks to everyone who helped us exceed our goal!

Thank-you...

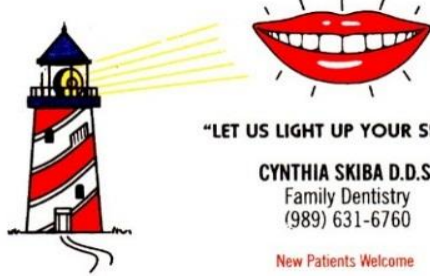
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