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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**

Saturday 4:30 PM

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 the 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

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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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 July 3rd, 2023

Monday

593: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

378: Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-12 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

379: Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-13 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

380: Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8

Friday

381: Gn 23:1-4, 19;24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

382: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-6 Mt 9:14-17

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

100: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14 Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Jesus is asking us to love him before everything else. What are the ways that we can do that every day? Jesus asks us to "take up our crosses in our lives? How can we follow Jesus with these crosses?"

Reflecting on the Word:

At first glance, today's Gospel seems harsh. Does Jesus not want us to love our fathers and mothers, or sons and daughters? Of course, he does! Many times, in the Gospel accounts, he speaks about loving and obeying them. In this passage, however, Jesus is speaking about whom we love most. Jesus wants us to love him the most. Not because he is selfish but because he knows that when we love him first, we are better people. We are happier, we are more peaceful. We are fair and more respectful of others. When we put Jesus first in our lives, everything else falls into place.

Living the Word:

Have your family make a list of people and things that they love. When finished have everyone write *God* in large letters at the top of the list. How does loving God help us to love everyone and everything else on the lists?

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 4th – Parish Office Closed

Happy 4th of July!

Friday, July 7th – Parish Office closing at noon (July & Aug.)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,480
Priests Retirement: \$1,147 Food Pantry: \$100
Children's Good Deeds
...No children's envelopes this week!....

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Happy July! The 4th is coming up and many of you have already taken part in the firework festivities. I have always enjoyed being at the Bay City fireworks and think they are a great overall show! God bless America and all of you that continue to work to make our country great!

...God Bless...



Welcome Father Marc! Please take the time to give a warm welcome to Fr. Marc as he begins his journey here at St. Gabriel Parish this weekend. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he settles in and navigates his new role. We are happy to have him!



Vacation Bible School
Deadline extension!
Hurry! Space is limited!

July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - noon.

For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2023). Help is needed from youth in grades 6th – 12th. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are now available at the west entrance of the church. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mocny, kmocny@auburnac.org

Update for CMA... As of June 25th these are the numbers for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$63,621.60 (86% of our goal of \$74,253) by 51% of the parish. If we could inspire just some of the other half of the parish to pledge, we could reach our goal!



***Please take note of the children's calendar on the back of the regular calendar graciously provided by Faith Formation! Have fun!**



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

“Get over yourself” has probably said that more radically than Jesus in today’s Gospel. “Whoever loves father or mother more than me...who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” Is Jesus anti-family? On one hand we can understand this as part of Jesus’ commissioning of the preachers he was sending on the road, those who were called to leave everything behind and be as free as he was. They were the minority among his faithful followers, the equivalent of today’s apostolic religious women and men whose entire life revolves around their ministerial identity with Christ. Although these sayings of Jesus are applicable to women and men religious, the rest of the world doesn’t get off the hook. Every disciple is called to find the meaning of their life in Christ.

In Jesus’ world, family was the core of one’s identity and prospects. When Jesus spoke of a loving father and mother, his audience heard a reference to their entire heritage as children of Abraham, their religious and social identity. So, when Jesus talked about loving parents more than him, he was saying, “If you so cherish what you know, what society has given you, that it gets in the way of following me, you aren’t capable of being a disciple.” In the same vein, one’s children were one’s future in a very concrete and practical way. Children were the investment that promised not just social security but would prolong people’s influence beyond their lifetime. When Jesus demanded that his followers love him over children, he was saying that all their hopes had to be pinned on him rather than on their own projects and progeny.

Paul’s Position

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

What we hear in Paul’s message to the Romans could almost be a commentary on this Gospel. Writing to people who have chosen to be baptized, Paul asks them why they did it. Although most of us were carried unwittingly to the font, the question still holds for us. What difference does it make in our lives that we have been given the name Christian? Why do we bless ourselves with holy water when we walk into church? How differently would we live if we counted ourselves among the “nones” who claim no religious identity, or among the Buddhists, agnostics or even the atheists?

Paul is telling the Romans that everything, absolutely everything, is different for those who have been baptized. He believes that for those who do not know Christ, death is the measure of all things, and everything comes to naught: “Alike they who lie down in the dust and worms cover them” (Job 21:26). But those who have been baptized can “live in the newness of life.”

If the language had been available to him, Paul might have talked about Christian life as a way of living in another dimension, a dimension without the limitations imposed by death. A deathless dimension implies a life without scarcity or

inequality. It is one in which competition is meaningless and violence vacuous. It is the dimension in which the cross of Christ is a proclamation that evil has been overcome.

We might imagine that Paul has stepped into the pulpit today and is looking at us and asking, “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death...so that we too...might live in the newness of life?” Paul is asking us to think about that, to let our imaginations run wild through the possibilities of how much would change if we consciously stepped into the deathless dimension we have been offered as our living space. Jesus says that if we want to follow him we must go beyond our commitments to social expectations symbolized by loyalty to previous generations and personal plans and projects represented by offspring. Both Paul and Jesus are saying, “Get over yourselves so that you can lose the life you plan for and find fullness in life in Christ.”

Elisha as Wonder-Worker

Celebration

In Today’s passage, we hear of a wealthy and generous woman who not only feeds the prophet when he comes through her town, but even builds an addition to her house for him. She asks for nothing in return, but when Elisha’s servant tells him that the woman is married to an old man and has no child, Elisha promises she will bear a son within a year.

Like Sarah when she hears the angel tell Abraham that they would have a son, the woman asked Elisha not to delude her. While we don’t hear his answer, we are told that she had a son. Then, as if God were as false-hearted giver, the boy scarcely grown, dies while out in the field with his father. With that Elisha performed a great miracle, restoring the child to life by sharing his own warmth and breath with him.

All told, this entire chapter describes the life-giving work of a prophet. The message that those who receive a prophet become identified with him is subtle, but it is there in each story. We often see the role of the prophet as rejection, this chapter reminds us that the goal of the prophet is to represent the God who desires that all people enjoy life to the full.

Baptism’s Importance

Ted Wolgamot, *Celebration*

Our baptism matters. It changes us. It calls us to re-think our value system, to re-view what truly counts, to re-commit ourselves to what will surely last against all odds. This initiatory sacrament is a marker point. It is an immersion into a life that is out of the ordinary, which introduces us to a lifestyle that is wholeheartedly focused on the reality of God. Since most of us were infants when this sacred ceremony took place, it is all the more important for us as adults to review and to meditate upon those powerful words that were spoken on our behalf. In doing so, we will be reminded that we were originally “bathed in light,” and given the mission to be “followers of the Gospel.”

Jesus is calling us to share his own passion for God. He wants us to light a fire that will burn in our hearts just like it did in his. He is asking us not just to praise him and adore him and worship him, but most importantly, to follow him. Do as he did. Love what he loved. Be committed to what he was committed to: selfless service and genuine compassion.

***“Strengthen my desire, Lord,
to follow you.”***

Food Pantry requests... Please remember we continue to give out food boxes during the summer months. We have seen about a 20% increase in requests during the last couple of months, averaging 70-75 boxes a month, so we really need your help. So, *please enjoy your summer vacation but don't forget the food pantry!*

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| Peanut Butter / Jelly | Pancake Mix / Syrup | Baked Beans |
| Sloppy Joe Mix | Tuna Helper / Hamburger Helper | |
| Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sides | Cereal |
| Mac & Cheese | Spaghetti Sauce | Spaghetti |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Pasta | Bar Soap |
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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
Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861		