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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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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

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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

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
Have you ever been rejected before? How did it make you feel? How can you support your friends and loved ones and their talents?

Reflecting on the Word:

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus arrived in Nazareth, and those who knew him as a child and watched him grow up were astonished by his teachings. But their astonishment quickly turned into anger, perhaps jealousy, and rejection. They took "offense at him." How sad Jesus must have felt to be rejected by those who knew him best! Despite this personal rejection, Jesus did not need their approval and continued with his ministry.



Living the Word:

Hold a talent show in your home! Have each family member prepare a small demonstration (singing, dancing, reading, telling jokes, and so on). Select a night for the big "show," and prepare a stage or backdrop for the show. Have someone emcee the production and introduce each person for the family. Celebrate afterward with a special dessert and talk about how it felt to perform in front of supportive audience. Then recall the Sunday Gospel: How do you think Jesus felt when no one from his hometown appreciated his talents? How do you think that made him feel? How would you feel if you did not get any cheers and applause?

WEEK OF JULY 5TH, 2021

MONDAY

383: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15b Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

384: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-8b, 15 Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

385: Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 8-19 Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

386: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

387: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

388: Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

104: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 4th – Happy 4th of July!

Monday, July 5th – Parish Office Closed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$13,836.30

Food Pantry: \$200 **Priest Retirement:** \$575 **Mission Co-Op:** \$10

Children's G☺☺D Deed

...Helping Mom while grocery shopping...Feeding the dog...

...I took my grandma & papa to the movies...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Happy Independence Day everyone! I hope you all have a safe and fun celebration of our country's break away from colonization! Over the summer, we have very little going on in the school. We have been searching for a new teacher, ordering supplies for the next year, and getting the classrooms set up for new students.

We continue to talk about faith in the Gospel this week, and Jesus is astonished by how little faith his own community has in him, because they cannot seem to move on from Jesus' "past". Jesus is judged by his upbringing and the profession of his father, Joseph, instead of by his words and actions. This is a common mistake even made even now, judging based on what we knew of someone instead of what is presented before us. Taking people for the value they present without bias is extremely hard, and I will admit that I try to do this more. The more faith we can display in God will help everyone, and the more trust we can place into individuals who prove themselves in action and word, will be extremely beneficial to all.

... God Bless...

CMA Update...

This is the most recent information as of June 30th; \$76,505 is pledged with \$74,254 paid and outstanding pledges of \$2,254.92. **Thank-you so much to all who contributed to helping us surpass our goal!**



Vacation Bible School Days Registration

Extension thru July 6th!!

Treasured "Discovering You're Priceless to God."

K-5th grade (Fall 2021), July 27-30 from 9 - noon

Registrations are due by Monday, June 28th

NO registrations will be taken on Tuesday, July 27th

Youth volunteers needed grades 6-12 (Fall 2021)

All forms are available at the school entrance, the Parish Center or by email request, parishoffice@auburnac.org



Food Pantry Needs:

We are in real need in the food pantry. If you are able to donate it would be greatly appreciated! You can drop donations off at the parish office or bring them to mass next weekend. Thanks in advance!

Here is our list:

Mac & Cheese
Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Soup
Laundry Detergent
Shampoo

Canned Pasta
Tuna Helper
Jelly
Boxed Pasta
Baked Beans
Hand Soap
Toothbrushes

Canned Fruit
Canned Tuna
Pasta/Rice Sides
Mashed Potatoes
Deodorant
Dish Soap
Toothpaste





FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: *Grace Works*, Dallas TX

In today's text, we read a story that should have been full of festive joy and lingering pride. The home-boy-become-famous returns to Nazareth for the Sabbath day's worship. The people gathered in that small synagogue were the very ones who watched Jesus grow-up. No doubt, there were women there who changed his diapers, men who listened as Joseph bragged on his son's carpentry skills. This should have been the most comfortable of settings for Jesus.

But comfort soon modulates into confusion. No sooner had Jesus finished his sermon did the people voice questions. Count them; three questions come at rapid fire pace. Each question was more biting, even sarcastic than the last. The first questions our Lord's authority. "Where did this man get all this?" Notice their question did not use our Lord's name. "This man" is hardly the way friends would speak of one they knew from childhood. The second question is more biting: "What is this wisdom that has been given to him?" Again, the phrase "this wisdom" suggests an air of suspicion. Their use of "wisdom" is used in a near mocking fashion.

The last question is preceded by what seems to be a flattering compliment. "What deeds of power are being done by his hands!" Their praise, however, is soon followed by a question that reveals biting sarcasm. "Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" Meaning what? Meaning no carpenter could still the storm, cast out the demons, heal the sick, and raise the dead. Mark ends the litany of questions with a comment that says it all: "And they took offense at him."

The hometown crowd was our Lord's toughest audience. These who thought they knew him well, utterly failed in knowing him at all. When the worship service finally ended and the benediction was spoken, Jesus led his disciples out of that tiny synagogue filled with neighbors from across the span of his 30 years. But the sad epitaph of the day is Mark's brief conclusion, "And he was amazed at their unbelief."

Voice of a Prophet (Ezekiel 2): Dorothy Irvin, *Celebration*

Ezekiel the priest, among the exiles in the land of the Chaldeans (Babylonians), heard a voice sending him to speak to the people of Israel, who are described as a nation of rebels and hereditary transgressors of God's law. It sounds as if they are not going to want to hear him but, in any case, he is to speak to them using the well-known trademark phrase of a prophetic utterance, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they listen or not, they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Ezekiel is then given, in a very unusual way, the words he is to speak. The voice commands him to eat a scroll upon which words of Lamentation and woe are written. Once he has assimilated them, he has to go and speak "my word" to the house of Israel. He is not to be frightened by them because God had hardened him to meet their stubbornness. It would seem as though the exiles would be glad of a message from their God, showing that he had not abandoned them. And yet, in sending them a prophet, the Lord God clearly does not expect that his message will be welcome. This was true for Ezekiel, and for later prophets also.

Reason to boast (2 Corinthians 12): *Celebration*

Today's reading is part of a strange and impassioned longer session in which Paul boasts, and calls himself foolish for doing so. More than nearly any other passage, it gives us a view into Paul's private thoughts and history. What follows is an impressive list of sufferings and dangers, in which the usual difficulties of travel in those days are augmented by persecution and physical punishments.

Added to the physical hardships—the countless beatings, the shipwrecks, the cold, hunger, treachery, and toil—has been his overwhelming anxiety for all the churches. He must boast, he says, but he will boast of those things that show his weakness.

The Prophet (Mark 6): *Celebration*

It has long been recognized that the Christian scriptures echo the events of the Hebrew. In fact, many of Jesus' deeds are explicitly presented by the evangelists as reenactments of ancient happenings, or as fulfillments of Hebrew prophecies. Today's first reading was one among many passages that tell of a prophet being sent by God to speak to the intended people who, nevertheless, are not very willing to accept this grace and listen.

It does not appear that it was his teachings they found hard to accept; rather, their preconceived notions of what he was and should know or be able to do won out over the evidence of their senses. Because of their lack of faith, he could scarcely work any miracles there—only a few cures—and went to other neighboring villages instead. With his response, "No prophet is without honor . . .," Jesus puts himself in a centuries-long line of rejected prophets.

What If?: *Grace Works*

We must not confuse our knowledge of Christian facts with a meaningful encounter with Jesus Christ. Times are, we who think we know much about Jesus keep him at arms' length from knowing us. The examples of faith like Teresa of Avila, Saint Ignatius, and others all remind us that knowing facts about Jesus is not the same thing as knowing Jesus and being known by him. The former is information; the latter is relationship.

As we gather for worship, I hear our Lord inviting us to believe that he is the One who offers us far more than good information about God. What if today, as the Spirit of Christ is present among us, we amazed him with our belief, our trust, and our life's devotion to him? What if we asked our Lord not for more information about him? What if today our sterile unbelief was transformed into living, vital, transforming belief? What if today, when we stand to say, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth" we gave ourselves to God with amazing, childlike faith? It just might be that we would come to know our Lord Jesus Christ at a deeper, more meaningful level. It might be that worship would move from religious acts to the transforming reality of the living Christ in a life-changing relationship with us. What if?

God's Messenger: Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

Jesus refers to himself as a prophet, and if there is an Old Testament category that seems to fit him, it is this one. The role of the prophet was not to foretell the future but to proclaim the word and will of God. Much of Jesus' teaching reflects the teaching of the prophets of Israel. Like the prophets, he calls the people to conversion, a new way of living. Yet the conclusion of the Church will be that Jesus is far greater than any prophet. While his message of conversion and compassion are in line with the prophetic teachings of Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah, his authority is beyond theirs. Jesus declared that God's Kingdom was present in his proclaiming it. There was nothing tentative or provisional about his message. He was not a prophet in a long line of prophets. He was *the* prophet who not only proclaimed God's word but embodied it. With Jesus, the Kingdom of God was being offered in an irreversible fashion. In short, Jesus represented more than a great prophetic message. He represents God's definitive offer of salvation as well.

"Help me, Lord, hear the voice of a prophet."





Condolences...

We would like to send our sympathies to our Director of Religious Education, Sandy DesJardins for the passing of her mother, *Sharon Pouget*. The staff and the parish want her to know that she is not alone in her sorrow, and we will pray for her and her family.

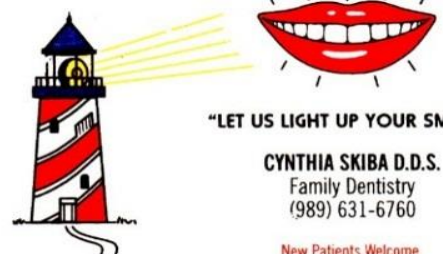
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