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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 (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

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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 4th ,2022

Monday

383: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145: 2-9 Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

384: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

385: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

386: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

Friday

387: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

388: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

105:Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36,37 Col 1:15-2 Lk10:25-37



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday July 4th - **Happy 4th of July!** - Parish Office Closed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8,353

Priest Retirement Fund: \$1308 Food Pantry: \$50

Children's Good Deeds

...I helped water the plants...Helped Dad work around the house...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

What is the *Spreading the Spirit fund*? Simple, an account that solely goes for a student's tuition. The parents/guardians apply and receive money based on their need. It is a tactile way where you can fully support a student in the school. In the past, we have helped families who have lost a job and couldn't afford tuition, families who have lost loved ones, people who don't make a lot but truly know the value of AACs, and many other circumstances. If you think you want to be the difference and make a difference in someone's life, consider donating to the *Spreading the Spirit fund* that goes directly to our children at AACs.



Please spread the word about the open position for Administrative Assistant at the school. If you know someone who is interested, or might want more info, please send them my way. Job descriptions are available at the Parish Office.

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

When you have something big or important to do is it easier to have a helper? Why or why not?

Reflecting on the Word:



Jesus charges his followers with a great task. At the outset of their journey, he warns them of many dangers and yet tells them to take very little with them. They are to rely on God

and the goodness of the people they serve. Some people will respond to their preaching, while others will not. That should not be their concern. They are only called to be faithful to the task set before them and let God do the rest.

Living the Word

We are called to help build God's kingdom and we are also citizens who are charged with building a country that sees all people as equal and provides them with what they need for life and liberty. As we celebrate Independence Day, let us ask God's blessings on our country, its leaders, and citizens. May we be a light to the world and a blessing to all those who struggle or are oppressed.



Summer Schedule: During the month of July we will not have any 8 am Masses on Wednesday or Thursday. We will resume, God willing, in August. The lay ministers who read Word and Communion Service will return after Labor Day.

As announced previously, I am going to begin chemo therapy treatments, As of now, I am not aware of the schedule. If there are difficulties, I will have to adjust accordingly. As of now, my hope is to be able to deal with any funerals that may arise in July and then return to "normal" in August. ~ Fr. Tom

Thanks! I am most grateful for the many well wishes I received last weekend and for the cards and gifts as well. 80 years old is a significant milestone. So is fifty-three years of priesthood. You can also add that I am starting my twenty-fifth year at the Parish. These are some accomplishments that occur with longevity. I hope to keep it going for another year. *Deo volente et flumino non crescente* – God willing and the creek don't rise!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. TOM!

Warm Wishes for a "Happy" 80th Birthday on July 5th! Also congratulations on the 53rd anniversary of your Ordination as a Priest! Celebrate!



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

French playwright and human rights activist Victor Hugo once said, "There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world: an idea whose time has come," Jesus came among us with such an idea. It can be distilled into seven short words: "The kingdom of God is at hand." In all his words and through all his works, Jesus clearly communicated his idea to any who would listen, telling them about God's concern for every human hurt and need. In order to spread his message to as many as possible, Jesus developed a style of mission that reached out to needy wherever they were. His was an effort characterized by mobility and those who followed him were also to forego the security and comfort of home. They went forth rooted only in the word that he preached, which they had allowed to find a home in their hearts.

A different style of mission is featured in today's first reading from Isaiah. The prophet was preaching to his contemporaries regarding the end of their exile and the glorious homecoming God would bring about for them, and he envisioned the movement of the rest of the world toward the renewed Jerusalem. The wealth of the nations would stream through the gates of the restored city. The people of Jerusalem were to welcome all who came in search of God.

Both styles of missiology continue to be evident among Jesus followers today. Because of the presence of God within the members of the faith community, many approach them with hands outstretched for help and hearts open to receive the good news. The needy are welcomed and served, then integrated into the life of the community. Within the framework of prayer, they begin to recognize and serve the needs of others who come in search of wholeness and holiness.

Homecoming:(Isaiah 66) *Celebration*

Contextually this passage is part of a longer poem in which the prophet shared several similar visions intended to inspire the Israelites to work at reconstructing all that had been broken. The infrastructure of Judah was badly in need of repair. The temple that had been the center of their religious, political, and social life had to be rebuilt so that the liturgy could be restored and the feasts that brought the community together could be celebrated once again. Because the people would no longer be governed by a king of their own, the prophet placed renewed emphasis on the law, which was to be their mentor and guide. In the period after exile, this new stress on the law gave added importance to the priests and scribes who were its recognized teachers and interpreters. Through the efforts of priests, prophets, and people, Judah gradually emerged from the sorrow of the exile with a newfound hope in God and in the future.

Power of the Cross: (Galatians 6) *Celebration*

While Isaiah offered his contemporaries a vision of a mother who comforts and feeds her child, Paul shared a much more sobering symbol of God's love: the cross of Jesus Christ. For Paul, the cross was not merely the instrument of Jesus' death. When he spoke of Jesus' cross, Paul was referring to the whole salvific process of the Christ-event, including the Incarnation; Jesus' mission among us; and his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification.

Because of the cross of Jesus, all else held no importance for Paul. To express his detachment, he wrote, "The world has been crucified to me and I to the world" (v.14). "The world," for Paul, was anything that stood in enmity with God, refusing God's gifts of grace and rejecting Jesus and the salvation he accomplished. Also included in the category of the world were Paul's opponents in Galatia and elsewhere who accused him of neglecting to preach the true gospel.

These opponents (probably Judaizers) were, in Paul's thinking, enemies of the cross in that they insisted that circumcision was necessary. Paul understood that such insistence was tantamount to suggesting that the cross—the Christ-event—was somehow lacking and needed to be supplemented. For that reason, he repeatedly emphasized the unique sufficiency of the cross of Jesus for the salvation of all humankind.

Accountability: (Luke 10) *Celebration*

When the disciples returned to give an account of their experience, they were enthused by their success. In the struggle against evil, they had shared in the very power of Jesus. They had been able to cast out the demons of pain, sickness, ignorance, and evil. Jesus met their excitement with the news that he had seen Satan falling from the sky, thereby alluding to the Jewish tradition that envisioned Satan in the throne room of heaven bartering with God over the well-being of humankind (Job 2:1ff; Zech 3:1ff). Satan's fall is to be understood as the realm of evil yielding to the emerging reign of truth, justice, and peace in Jesus. This process begun by Jesus and continued by his first followers is also the task of contemporary believers. Today's Gospel offers us the chance to rethink our priorities and renew our enthusiasm. Surely the day will come, as it did for the first disciples, when we will be called to give an account of ourselves before Jesus. Will there be great rejoicing on that day?

Sing a Song of Hope: *Grace Works, Dallas, Texas*

Listen to our own music within the worship of the Church. Often we sing of Christian love and service, of sacrifice and generosity, of faith and Church unity, an idealized image of Christian people that is not completely true for each of us individually. But our songs lift us upward to that goal. We keep singing until it is true of us, rather than stop the songs because they are not true yet. And might I add, do not give up on the songs that call you to keep believing in possibilities of your marriage, your country, your vocation either just because the task of building them toward their goal is difficult and tedious.

And so, the residents of Jerusalem began the long and difficult task of rebuilding their city. With sweat on their brows, and a dream in their hearts of what still might be, they overcame their despair over the past and present, and grabbed hold of the future again. But listen to them while they work. There seems to be a song in the air, lifting their spirits the way the breeze fills a ship's sail. It is the song of hope, thanks to Isaiah, a troubadour of God who knew that it is not so important for God's people to be able to carry a tune, as it is to have a tune that can carry them.

Welcoming Community?: Kevin Kho, *The Liturgical Press*

Remember, Jesus told the seventy-two to leave everything and carry nothing: "carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." They are the people foreign to the communities they are entering who have no connection to anyone in it. They are people who have nothing, who are reliant solely on the hospitality that is shown to them. They are not the people we typically picture in our communities as preachers or evangelizers. Rather they appear to us as people who are alien, who are poor, people who have nothing, people who are reliant on the hospitality of others.

Are we a community who welcomes people like this? Would we be able to look beyond our communities to see a disciple enter it? Do we have the hospitality to make these disciples feel included and cared for in our communities? Rather than focusing on bringing the kingdom of God out into the world, maybe a more relevant message is to focus on welcoming the kingdom of God into our communities, to say to the disciple, the poor, the alien, "You are welcome here. We will care for you. You are valued in our community."

*"Help me preach, Lord, by
my example"*





The Food Pantry doesn't take a vacation.

We know that everyone is enjoying their summer, but we would like to remind you that the needs in the food pantry remain the same. So have fun this summer but please don't forget us!!!

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| Peanut Butter/Jelly | Canned Fruit | Pancake Mix/Syrup |
| Mac & Cheese | Tuna Helper | Canned Soup |
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| Shampoo | Deodorant | Spaghetti/Boxed Pasta |
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Father Tom and the staff at St. Gabriel Parish would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!



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