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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 AM (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

**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 18<sup>th</sup> ,2022

### Monday

395: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday

396: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50

### Wednesday

397: Jer 1:1, 4-10 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17 Mt 13:1-9

### Thursday

398: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7a, 8-11 Mt 13:10-17

### Friday

603: Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

400: Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 Mt 13:24-30

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

111: Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> – Knitter 's Group – 10 am – Parish Office

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$12,303.04  
Priest Retirement Fund: \$50 Food Pantry: \$60  
Children's Good Deeds

...Playing outside with my sister...Doing the dishes...  
...Helped put together Mom's birthday present...  
...Cleaning my room so I can repaint it...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The next couple weeks should have a lot of changes coming to the school community. Our carpets should be done, and the play structure should be replaced. Planning these things out has proven to be very frustrating,

because there are no guarantees in any of it. We have been given timelines, ideas, thoughts, but almost all of them have changed or been influenced by an outside force. My only hope is that now we can get it all done before we welcome students back on August 22nd. *Please pray for us* as we deal with these delays, supply issues, and unforeseen problems that we can move forward and have things in place for "Back-to-School!"

...God Bless...

**Save the Date** ... We are actively planning for the "2022 St. Gabriel Parish Picnic!" This year's date is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from noon-4 pm. So mark your calendar, and make a plan to be there!



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### Family Talk Time:

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee

Who are you more like, Martha or Mary? Have you ever been too busy for God? Do you take time for prayer or Scripture reflection?

### Reflecting on the Word:



Martha and Mary were both very close friends of Jesus. They were sisters but they had very different personalities. Jesus loved them both. Jesus does not chastise Martha's hospitality or attention to detail but her inability to be present with him in the moment. On the

other hand, Mary's trust in Jesus allowed her to be at peace and listen to the words Jesus spoke. Let us not let the work and worries of our lives keep us from the treasure of Jesus' words.

### Living the Word:

We all face a new week when school, work, and other responsibilities will all vie for our time. We will encounter issues and experiences that will make us anxious and worried. As a family, comfort one another by praying together each day, at mealtime or bedtime. Pray for yourselves and for one another. Give God thanks for the blessings of this day and ask for God's help to face the next day.

### A Big Thank-You!



Well another *successful* Vacation Bible School is history! The children who attended had a *great time* and our volunteer staff was *amazing!* Thank-you to the children who attended, and all students who volunteered to be leaders. A very special thank-you to Mr. Hall for his exceptional skill in making yet another year "memorable" and of course Mrs. Mocny for organizing it all!



**"Lord, help me be an attentive listener"**



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time:** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

"Let's do lunch!" "We should get together for coffee and catch up." "Don't be a stranger!" "Come over for supper sometime soon!" While we may have the best intentions, these casual exchanges too often remain unrealized. We are busy, and socializing has become yet another activity to be squeezed into our already overscheduled calendars. Of course, we like to gather to celebrate the holidays together, and we are eager to reciprocate with an invitation to those who have hosted us in their homes. But how many of us offer hospitality to complete strangers, as Abraham did? And how many of us see hospitality as a burden, as Martha did? Are we aware that our salvation hinges on hospitality; that is, on our willingness to welcome Jesus into our lives, to sit at his feet and be fed by him as Mary did?

When we welcome others—especially the lowly, or strangers and "sinners"—to our table, we topple traditional protocol and witness to the love of God that Jesus made incarnate among us. When Jesus shared meals, guests became hosts and hosts became guests. Although he came as a guest to the home of Martha and Mary, it was Jesus who was actually the host, and Mary became his eager guest. A similar reversal of roles is reflected in the Genesis narrative about Abraham and his three visitors. He put himself (and Sarah) at their service to provide the best hospitality they had. In the end, however, it was they who were the blessed guests of God, who assured them of a happy future through the promise of a son.

Both guest and host, Jesus is the meal that nourishes and sustains all people. As we listen to the story about Martha and Mary, about Abraham and the three visitors, we are challenged to develop a similarly welcoming attitude toward others. Their example asks us how strangers are welcomed into our neighborhood and faith community. For many of our congregations, the service of hospitality continues to be a ministry assigned just to a few people each week. They meet and greet the newcomers and strangers. But hospitality is not a temporary duty for a few; it is a way of life for every member of the body of Christ. Individual gestures of hospitality are bolstered by the strength of the community, who is opening their arms to love and welcome the stranger in whom Jesus has chosen to be disguised: "Whatever you do to the least of God's people, that you do unto me."

### **Hospitable:(Genesis 18)** *Celebration*

For their part, Abraham and Sarah offered gracious hospitality. Initially they provided their guests with water for washing, and then the chance to rest. Readers can readily imagine Abraham scurrying about and Sarah busy at work baking bread. To say that the meal was generous is an understatement. Three *seahs*, the equivalent of more than 20 pounds of flour, would have made many loaves of bread. A whole steer would have fed a small village! Along with the curds and milk, the resulting meal made for an extraordinary celebration, one befitting a visitation from God. Even more remarkable than the food, however, is the attitude with which Abraham begged to be of service and then served the three strangers—as if he were a slave and not the patriarch of a considerable tribe who, according to the Genesis tradition (ch. 14), had not long before returned victorious from battle.

### **On Suffering: (Colossians 1)** *Celebration*

Paul described his struggles as an *epiphaneia* or manifestation of the cross of Christ. What is lacking is not the atoning power of the

cross but its authentic manifestation in the church as a present and powerful reality. By Virtue of their baptism, believers who are immersed in Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection are charged with closing the gap between what the church is and what is called to be. We can close this gap by living lives that are true to Jesus and the Gospel. Such truthfulness in word and deed will bring inevitable suffering into the life of the believer.

However, when it is united with that of Christ and all other believers, suffering can become a force for good. Like the pains that a mother experiences in bringing her child into the world, this suffering can bring forth new life for all the people of God. In accepting this suffering, the believer agrees to follow, each day, the path Jesus took for us through suffering and death to his glorious resurrection and union with God forever

### **Service and Contemplation: (Luke 10)** *Celebration*

We enter the home of Martha and Mary with Jesus. We watch and listen as he, the honored guest, becomes the host to all present. Jesus offers not only hospitality within which we can take comfort and find rest, but also the necessary food of his word and his teaching for our sustenance and strength. Drawing on the providence of Jesus, believers are able to continue the journey of discipleship.

Disciples are to learn from both sisters and maintain a healthy balance between the service they render and the prayerful union with Jesus that inspires and fuels that service. At first, the narrative may seem to promote one aspect of discipleship over another, but the final sentence offers clarity. The "one thing necessary" is the sincere desire to seek the kingdom of God before all else. Mary expressed this desire in her attentiveness to Jesus and in her awareness that he had infinitely more to offer to her than she could ever offer him. Once we know the blessed satisfaction of being loved and fed by Jesus, the natural response is to translate that blessing into the loving service of others. Therefore, the essence of discipleship begins not in the preparation of a great banquet, but in careful attention to the word of God who is Jesus.

Jesus' word is true spiritual food that we can carry in our hearts, where it can be visited and revisited. On every return visit, disciples will receive the inspiration, direction. And nourishment we need to continue loving and serving God's people.

### **Both/And:** *Grace Works, Dallas, Texas*

Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet, to do nothing but listen, adore, be quiet. And her gift to Jesus was just as important as Martha's. What finer gift can any of us give to another than to really listen to them, rather than interrupt, or talk incessantly, or just plot our next statement while they are talking? And how much wiser and healthier would all of us be if we could learn more about silence, about prayer, about rest, and about simple adoration of God? I wonder if our service later, arising from such a rested place at the feet of God, would be even sweeter?

So, the author of Ecclesiastes was right again. *There is a time to go and do, but there is also a time to listen and wait.* Martha is the saint for all of those who go and do, and Mary is the saint for all those who have learned to listen and wait. And Jesus loves both of these sisters. Even today. Even in this very church.

### **On Women:** Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

The history of the church is one that is mixed (at best) in its attitude toward women. Many of the Fathers of the Church lost the Gospel sense of women's dignity and reverted to a cultural interpretation of women based not on Gospel women but Eve as the temptress and root of sin. This attitude, though never an official teaching of the Church, has had tremendous influence on many of the attitudes in the Church. In the twentieth century, when American women are frustrated by the patriarchal structure of the Church, today's Gospel is a reminder to the Church that all are called to full discipleship. We can't have it both ways: if we want to rediscover the message and teachings of Jesus, we must also act on it.

## 20 Things you'll never regret:

Praying  
 Putting your phone down  
 Listening over talking  
 Visiting grandma  
 Reading the Bible  
 Kindness on social media  
 Investing in memories over things  
 Not gossiping  
 Not listening to gossip  
 Thankfulness over comparison

Buying lemonade at the stand  
 Taking the higher road  
 Catching fireflies with your kids  
 Forgiving others  
 Forgiving yourself  
 Doing that scary thing  
 Giving the compliment  
 Drinking more water  
 Saying "I love you"  
 Trusting God




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