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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 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact Sandy DesJardins at 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 in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish or 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 close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Seventeenth Sunday (Ordinary Time)

Sister Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

While many people take the story of Sodom and Gomorrah as proof of God's ire and readiness to punish sexual immorality, there is something much deeper at stake. We have all seen evidence that suggests one bad apple can spoil the bunch. In this story, Abraham asks God if a minority of good people can save the rest. Would God spare the city if there were 50 good people there... or 40... or even just 10?

Jesus offers a complement to the scene with Abraham when he talks about prayer. First, Jesus teaches his disciples how he himself prays. He gives us a number of phrases that work together to sum up Christian life and mission. Beginning with the instruction to call upon the almighty Creator as "Father," the next petition actually commits us to do all in our power to bring God's kingdom to fruition in our time and place. We ask God to provide all we need, the bread of each day, and the sustenance of a world in which forgiveness reigns over selfishness and revenge. Finally, like Jesus himself, we ask that we not be put to the final test, but that the cup of suffering pass us by — if that be God's will.

That's the prayer. Jesus then adds some illustrations about what it means in action. He weaves a parable about three people: One is seeking food, one is so poor that she or he has nothing to share, and the third wants to sleep through the entire drama. The poor person in the middle is a bit like Abraham — pleading with someone who has power to help a person in need. Abraham kept bargaining God down; the agitator in this parable won't let the affluent person sleep in peace until the hungry are fed.

### Giver of Life

[Celebration](#)

Jesus tried to teach that prayer is an expression of a relationship between unequals. When as disciples of Jesus we call on God as Father, we stand in the center of an enigma: We are invited into trusting intimacy with the eternal Creator of the universe, whose name is so sacred that we cannot even pronounce it. That realization alone is enough to move us to the awe that proclaims, "Hallowed be your name!" Those two phrases set up the rest of the prayer to express our relationship with God as one of grateful dependence and committed obedience.

By sharing this style of praying, Jesus invites us to participate in his kind of relationship with the Father. When it comes to praying on behalf of others, the teaching about the seeker who knocked the sleeper out of bed teaches that when we pray for the needs of others, we oblige ourselves to do our part to respond, if only by disturbing those who have but do not share. In terms of our own needs, Jesus tells us to ask for whatever we want and that God will give us the Spirit, which is all we need. Most of all, the gist of Jesus' teaching about prayer — and about everything else — is that God wants to give us what will give us life.

### Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18)

[Celebration](#)

Abraham understands that God is going to destroy the evil cities and begins to plead on behalf of the innocent. In a scene taken straight from the marketplace, where the buyer haggles with the seller to get the best price, Abraham bargains God down until he gets the promise that if there are only 10 just people in the city, God will not destroy it.

Underneath the petitionary prayer and the rather primitive image of God as vengeful, unsure of what was happening in Sodom, and needing to be reminded of how to act like a real God, there is a theological idea being born. Everyone knows that evil spreads like mold. Abraham wants to know if God believes that goodness can do the same. Could a number of good people save the city? Let's say 50, 40, 30, 20, or even 10?

With this story, Genesis introduces a question that runs through the Hebrew Scriptures. In Job, it is framed as the question of why the good suffer. Isaiah 53:5 teaches that the suffering of the just one can heal the sinner, but Ezekiel 14 seems to contradict that. Today's Genesis story grapples with the thorny questions of reward and punishment and the suffering of the innocent.

Ultimately, the most important argument of the passage is not about how many just people are necessary to save the wicked, but about the character of God and, therefore, of godly people. Abraham's back-and-forth with God dramatizes a perennial debate. On one side are those who believe that no matter the collateral damage, it is godly to obliterate the wicked. On the other are those who believe that the judge of all the world acts with justice and compassion. People of both ilks believe they are called to go and do likewise.

### The Strength of Our Faith (Colossians 2)

[Celebration](#)

This reading invites those of us already baptized to revivify our awareness of the meaning of our baptism. It invites us to ask ourselves what it means to us personally to have died with Christ. It also asks what it means to be raised with him. It is well worth our time to consider what that dying and rising has meant and could mean in our lives.

The second part of our selection moves the focus from the baptized to God's action on our behalf. In the first reading, Paul tells that God saves us when we are not innocent. Paul says that the writ of accusation against us has been nailed to Christ's cross. That is akin to saying that our bills have been sent to God's bank account, which more than covers them.

Because of the way God has loved us, our transgressions count for naught. The question for us is, if we truly believe that, what concrete difference does it make in our lives? If we believe it of others, what does that tell us about how we assess them? Our responses to those questions will tell us a great deal about the faith we have in the power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

### Taught to Pray (Luke 11)

[Celebration](#)

Today's Gospel opens with the disciples' desire to learn Jesus' way of praying. They had surely prayed with him by singing hymns and psalms in synagogue and Temple rituals, but they were also aware that he would occasionally retreat off by himself for a time of prayer. They who knew him as their teacher and leader now asked the most intimate question possible. In asking him to teach them to pray, they were asking him to teach them to relate to God in the same way that he did.

This whole prayer summarizes Jesus' relationship with God. By giving it to us, he invites us into that very same relationship.

*May I, Lord, always be a person of prayer.*

### The Readings

J. Andrew Edwards, [The Liturgical Press](#)

Hospitality is the thread that weaves our readings today — the Bible as a whole, even! — together. To refuse hospitality and treat others as objects of one's own enjoyment without regard for their welfare — that is the depth of evil, intolerable by God. To exercise hospitality, however, caring for others and giving them whatever they need, even when it is inconvenient — such benevolence is truly godly.

## WEEK OF JULY 28, 2019

### MONDAY

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 607:Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
See 607:1 Jn 4:7-16

### TUESDAY

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

### WEDNESDAY

Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46  
See 609: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 14:25-33

### THURSDAY

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11 Mt 13:47-53  
See 610: Rom 8:1-4 Mt 5:13-19

### FRIDAY

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11 Mt 13:54-58

### SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

### SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21



## UPCOMING

### JULY – No Daily Masses

JULY 29-AUGUST 1 – Monday-Thursday – 9:00am-12:00noon

**Vacation Bible School** – East Campus

JULY 29-AUGUST 2 – Monday-Friday – 2:00-9:00pm – West Campus

**Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions by Appointment**

SEPTEMBER 8 – Sunday – 12:00-4:00pm – East Campus

**Parish Picnic**

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861 or click the link in our [auburnac.org](http://auburnac.org) website or myParish App.

### APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

July 29–August 2 (Monday through Friday): 2:00pm-9:00pm

October 8-10 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday): 2:00pm-9:00pm

October 12 (Saturday): 9:00am-3:00pm

Use Prior Directory's Photo? If desire, you may use photo from the prior Directory for a \$10 fee. You will receive a complimentary upcoming Directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request – no need for you to retrieve the photo.

General Information: For every family photographed, Lifetouch will provide the Directory at no cost. Plus, those families will receive a complimentary Directory and 8x10" portrait, with no sitting fee. From a variety of poses, you will select one for the Directory. In addition to the 8x10" portrait, you may purchase portraits the day of your session, though you are under no obligation to do so.

### Discounts Available

- 20% off coupon available at check-in day of session
- Bring food pantry item to session and receive \$5 off coupon to use toward photo order. Items collected go directly to St. Gabriel Parish Food Pantry.

### Also Welcome

- Generational (grandmother/mother/daughter, etc.) photographs
- Your photo with pet – notify Parish Office in advance

**REMINDER:** All photography sessions will take place at St. Anthony Church – please add that location to your calendar.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962

Offering: \$8,815

Mission Co-Op: \$1,732

### Children Good Deeds

...Vacuum ...Helped with Camden and Ava ...Unpack and pack up  
...I did my weekly chores early. ...I helped clean the dishes.  
...When Alex wanted a certain balloon that I had, I gave it to him.

### MY RETURN

After a prolonged sojourn at my cottage in AuGres where I had plenty of opportunity to relax and enjoy, the time has arrived to return to the parish and resume pastoral responsibilities. I don't regret the ending of vacation. I'm grateful I had the opportunity and thankful to the staff and substitute priests who made it possible.

Fr. Tom

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What is your favorite part of the Lord's Prayer and why?

**Reflecting on the Word:** If a child would request a fish, he would trust that his father would provide it. This reading helps us to consider our trust in God. Do we trust God enough to hand over our anxieties? Do we trust God enough that we would request what we need? Or do we rely on ourselves for everything we need?

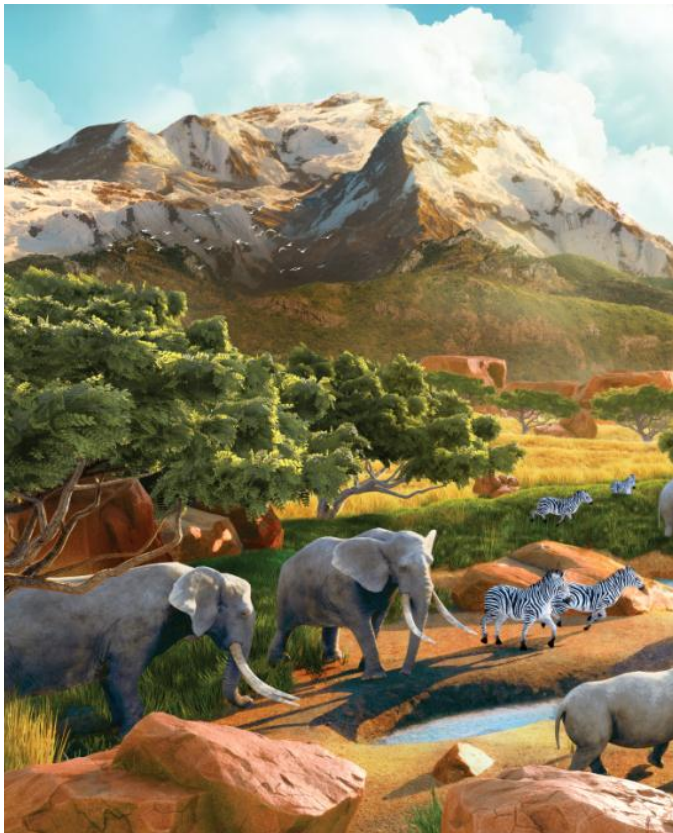
**Living the Word:** As a family, write your version of the Lord's Prayer. Tailor it to your specific situation, time, and place. Perhaps rice is a staple in your family. If so, you might want to replace the word "bread" with "rice." The family might want to use another image for God that is found in the Bible. The family could consider a tune for singing the prayer. Try praying your new prayer at mealtime this week.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Thank you to everyone that helped move the Library into the portable. We wouldn't be such a wonderful school without having wonderful volunteers like all of you! It sure is amazing when everything falls into place and you can see the vision taking shape. Please continue to spread the word about our school. We're looking forward to the start of the school year!
- AACS is offering a Young 5s Program. Children must be 5 years old by December 1. This class is Monday-Friday from 8:30-3:20 and is held in tandem with the Kindergarten class. Mrs. Spencer, Young 5s/Kindergarten Teacher, would be happy to discuss, in detail, the program with you. Please contact Mrs. Spencer at [jspencer@auburnac.org](mailto:jspencer@auburnac.org) or leave a message by calling the Office at 662-6431.
- 3 & 4-Year-Old Preschool Program has openings. For more information, contact Mr. Switalski at [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org) or visit the AACS website at [auburnacschool.org](http://auburnacschool.org) for registration information.

### PARISH FALL RAFFLE

The raffle drawing will be held at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 8. Sold tickets may be returned via the collection basket or delivery at the Parish Office. Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office.



Bring your friends and neighbors!

Everyone is welcome!  
Register today!

**Vacation Bible School ~ July 29-August 1**  
**“ROAR! Life is Wild 🐾 God is Good”**

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At ROAR, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Daily activities include music, Bible stories, KidVid Cinema, games, and a snack. Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Registration fee is \$12 per child/\$30 per family. Registration forms are available at both entrances. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun!

**ROAR!** **REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Your help is needed at Vacation Bible School on **July 29–August 1** (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00am to 12:00noon. It's a great fun opportunity to get service hours! Volunteer forms are available at the school entrance.


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