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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 2nd 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 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish or call Parish Office for appointment.

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) parish activities are canceled. Cancelation 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

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 anyone 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 the 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 the 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. For their part, 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 opened to receive the good news. The needy are welcomed and served, then integrated fully 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.

Father/Mother God (Isaiah 66)

Celebratio

Isaiah begins with the image of God's salvation as comparable to a nurturing mother. God's will is that people know the comfort of having just exactly what they need, as though they were babes nursing on their mothers' wealth of milk. They will be loved like toddlers cuddling on their parents' laps, like the babies that fathers carry outside the house so that all can admire.

Isaiah's proclamation has a dual purpose. First, he is reassuring the people that God has not forgotten them. His images of God's tender care reinforce that message. Second, Isaiah uses these images — and so many others through the three parts of the Book of Isaiah — to open people's imagination. It is too easy for people of any epoch to have a limited, excessively self-referent image of salvation. Isaiah reminds that God will care for us in ways that exceed our hopes and enlarge our dreams.

Old Now New (Galatians 6)

Celebration

Paul uses the last lines of his Letter to the Galatians to recap and underline his main message: All that matters in this life is the new creation. The new creation is what Paul described in Galatians 3:28-29, a world in which "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." It is a world in which those who belong to Christ all become "Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise."

For Paul, all of the old way, good yet flawed as it was, has passed away. The only religious practice that has value now is identification

with Christ and his cross. If there was a stronger way for Paul to say this, he would have found it — and repeated it.

Into the Whole World (Luke 10)

Celebration

Today, we hear Jesus commission the 72 disciples, a story Luke wrote as a complement to the mission of the 12 in Chapter 9.

The most notable difference between the two accounts is the number of disciples Jesus sent. In Luke 9, Jesus sent the 12; now he sends 72. Jesus goes into more detail about the mission of the 72 than he did for the 12. In both cases, the missionaries are to travel light, heal the sick, and announce that the kingdom of God is at hand. But with the 72, even as Jesus prepares them for the mission, he warns that they will be like lambs among wolves. He then tells them to ask God to send additional workers to help with the harvest.

One reason for Luke's two accounts of the sending is that they reinforce the fact that Jesus' mission began with his own people and was then to go out into the whole world. Although the various lists of the apostles' names do not always match, the main point is that they are 12, representing Israel with her traditional 12 tribes. The 72 are, first of all, many more — and still not enough. Secondly, according to the Septuagint's translation of Genesis 10, 72 is the number of the nations of the world. Luke's point is that this mission involves the entire world.

Together in Ministry

Eric S. Fought, Celebration

In the life of discipleship, the question is not what you need but who. We don't walk this journey alone. We need each other — for support, encouragement, a listening ear, perhaps even advice at times. We learn from the experience of others who have walked before us, and we share our own experience with those who walk with us.

In our current context, the harvest that is in need of reaping is the tremendous pain that so many carry around each day. Our opportunity, as followers of Jesus, is to go out into the world (from the comfort of our pews and homes) and bring with us open hearts, listening ears, and a prayerful presence. With that presence, with those ears, and with our hearts, we can harvest much that burdens our neighbors.

Solid Witness

Dick Folger, Celebration

Today's Gospel is a prime directive for all Christians. Jesus sends us out. Our human responses vary greatly. Some "in-your-face evangelists" station themselves on street corners with "Jesus Saves" signs. Some go door-to-door to share invitations and literature; others e-mail inspirational messages to friends, volunteer for good causes, write a check, or silently wear a cross. There is comfort in the quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words."

"Lord, let me be a channel of your presence."

RECEPTION THANK YOU

I want to thank Sally Czabala and Sue LeVasseur who spearheaded the organizing for the celebration of my 50th anniversary of priesthood and to the many others who staffed the affair. I am especially grateful to David Dittenber of Old City Hall (Bay City) and new Molasses restaurant (Midland) for catering, to Greg and Rita Bouza for the ice cream, Ideal Party Store for the beer and wine, and Pat Knieper for the brownies and banana cake.

I am very grateful for the wonderful turnout. I was especially pleased that some individuals I haven't seen for a long time were able to join in the celebration. It was a memorable occasion. Thankfully, I have vacation time to treasure it all.

Thanks to all of you.

WEEK OF JULY 7, 2019

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3, 6-7, 8, 15 Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24 Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19

Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Gn 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105: 16-21

Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

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

SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

UPCOMING

JULY - No Daily Masses

JULY 13/14

Mission Appeal & Parish Food Pantry Collection – Each Mass

JULY 29-AUGUST 1 – Monday-Thursday – 9:00am-12:00noon **Vacation Bible School** – East Campus

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

<u>Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions at West Campus by Appointment</u> *[Letter is en route to parishioners]*

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

OCTOBER 8-10 - Tuesday-Thursday - 2:00-9:00pm

OCTOBER 12 - Saturday - 9:00am-3:00pm

MISSION APPEAL - JULY 13/14

Reverend Gavin Atkins will be guest celebrant next weekend to make a mission appeal on behalf of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

The Oblates were founded in 1876 to live and spread the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales by engaging in various ministries of the Church.

At the Pope's request, the Oblates sent missionaries to Namibia in 1882. Today, Oblate priests, brothers, and sisters staff missions in Ivory Coast Benin, South Africa, Namibia, Brazil, Uruguay, Haiti, Mexico, Ecuador, and India. They serve some of the poorest people in the world as parish priests, ministers, educators, and social workers.

American Catholics have partnered in this ministry for more than 100 years. Every benefactor becomes a missionary – directly supporting the works of justice, mercy, and evangelization throughout the world. They also become faithful disciples of Christ who said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS REQUEST

Food Pantry items most needed are pancake mix, syrup, Hamburger Helper, cereal, jelly, canned tomatoes, baked beans, mashed potatoes, shampoo, and deodorant. Please bring your donated items to Mass the weekend of July 13/14. Thank you

EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

How does a thought or idea take hold and spread?

Reflecting on the Word: When Jesus sends his disciples out to spread the message, he gives specific instructions. He tells them not to carry a money bag so that they will be dependent on the hospitality of strangers. They are to accept the hospitality that is offered and to keep going when welcome is not extended. When they encounter peaceful people, the peace the disciples carry will be extended. These disciples who are sent out with nothing will need to rely completely on the Lord. When have you completely relied on God?

Living the Word: With the family, create a visual for today's reading. Needed for the activity are a paper towel, washable markers, and water. Ask the children to use the markers to draw a picture on napkins to represent their good works. Explain that the water represents God's peace, then dip the napkins in the water. Watch how much further the color goes when wet. God's peace enables good works to have a much further reach. When we come in peace, our message spreads more quickly and easily and can adapt to each situation.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ➤ AACS will have a float in the Corn Fest Parade on Sunday, July 14, at 1:00pm. If you would like to help with the float or walk in the parade, contact Sarah Pope at sarah.pope08@gmail.com.
- > AACS offers...
 - Faith-based education for 3 & 4-Year-Old Preschool, Young 5s, and K-5th Grade
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 - Extended-day Preschool for 4-year-old children
 - Athletics beginning in Preschool
- ➤ Registration: For more information or to schedule a tour, call the school at 662-6431. Registration forms are available on the school's bulletin board. You may also contact Mr. Switalski at cswitalski@auburnac.org or view Registration information on our website at www.auburnacschool.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$5,559
Priests Retirement: \$227

Children G@@d Deeds

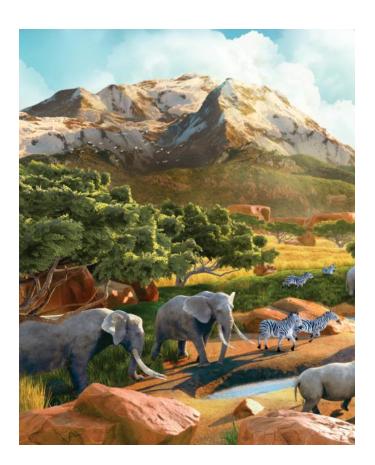
...helped care for my brother after surgery ...cleaning windows ...helped my daddy outside ...helped pick strawberries

God planted a seed of faith in our hearts

all we have to do is water it with prayers,

fertilize it with words of God, and cultivate it with lots of love.







Everyone is welcome! Register today!

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Vacation Bible School ~ July 29-August 1 "ROAR! Life is Wild Sod 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!



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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