



*The Week of March 25th, 2024*

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM ( On the *First Thursday* of the month the daily Thursday Mass is at 6:30 PM)  
Wednesday 9 AM – School Mass  
*First Thursday* of the month 6:30 PM (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm and Night prayer 8pm to follow Mass*)  
*First Friday* of the month 8 AM  
Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Must be active, registered member of parish. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made by contacting the 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**

**By appointment. Please email Fr. Marc**  
5 -6 pm *First Thursday* of the month  
3-4 PM Saturday

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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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 March 25<sup>th</sup> , 2024

### Monday

257: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday 8 am Mass

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday 9 am Prayer Service

259: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

### Holy Thursday 7 pm Mass, Adoration 8-10 pm, Night Prayer 10 pm

39: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-181 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12 pm, The Lord's Passion 1 pm, Private Devotion 2-6 pm Cross Walk 3 pm

40: Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn 18:1—18:42

### Saturday Easter Vigil 8:30 pm Mass

41: (1) Gn 1:1—2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35

### Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – School Spring Break Begins

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Parish Office Closed

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – **HAPPY EASTER!**  
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass.

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Parish Office Closed

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$11,495.85  
Food Pantry:\$545 Catholic Relief Services:\$488  
Rice Bowl: \$100  
Children's Good Deeds  
...Making my bed...Folding laundry with Grammy...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org)



Holy week is officially upon us! This week we are wrapping up a short week on Wednesday with the students before we are off in observance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The students will be on spring break until April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please put Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am in your calendars as it will be our annual *Grandparents' Mass!* I hope you all have a great holy week!

...God Bless...

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### Family Talk Time: *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:*

By Sara McGinnis Lee

*In today's Gospel, the people lay their cloaks on the road in front of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. Others lay palm branches on the ground. This is one way that the people honor Jesus. How will we honor him today? How can we praise him this week?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



The people praise Jesus today, and we will echo the words the people shout as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem: "Hosanna!" Hosanna is a word found in the book of Psalms and a cry for help. It means, "Save us, we pray!" We have all experienced challenges in parenthood, whether at the birth of a child, during toddlerhood, or school age. We sometimes feel alone in our struggles, not realizing that God is present in all those moments of difficulty, ready to listen to our cries, and respond to our prayers.

### Living the Word:

Write a prayer of praise to Jesus or decorate a prayer card with the word Hosanna. Imagine Jesus is coming to your hometown today, riding on a colt. Discuss how your family would greet Jesus.



*On the weekends of April 13-14 and 20-21 we will celebrate the children who will be making their first 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. We have 13 children receiving the Sacrament*

*on those weekends and we hope you will join us in praying for them.*

*We would like to offer a BIG thank you to Betsy Anderson not only for the use of the lift but also for the expert job of cleaning the overhead fans in both the Church and the Social Hall. We appreciate you!*





## *Father Marc's Minutes...*

### *Palm Sunday and Holy Week*

Today we celebrate the holy event of Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem in preparation for his passion and death. This event is recounted in Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, and John 12. The inhabitants are excited to witness this historic occasion. This was a prophecy and sign of the Messiah. The Messiah was going to come into Jerusalem riding on a colt in a humble manner. The citizens took palm branches out and were singing "Hosanna" and "Blessed is he who comes in God's name". Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 and Isaiah 62:11 when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The passage from the prophet Zechariah reads "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey." This is why Jesus told his disciples to fetch a donkey for him. He had just performed mighty signs and worked marvelous wonders and so people were expecting him to step into the role of the military Messiah who would deliver Israel from their oppressors. Jesus indeed is the Messiah, but not in the way they were anticipating. This week we are invited to reflect on the mystery of Christ's passion and death with the celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. These holy days are the most solemn days of the entire year. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. Good Friday remembers and celebrates Christ's sacrifice to overcome sin and his death. Holy Saturday calls to mind the time Jesus spent in the tomb. At the Easter Vigil catechumens are baptized and received into the Church and the Church reflects on God's word and how he acted throughout history to save us. Then on Easter Sunday Jesus is raised!



### *Remembering our Sheperd*

I am aware that Palm Sunday marks the one-year anniversary of the passing of Fr. Tom. And although I unfortunately did not have the opportunity to know him very well, from my experience I certainly respected him. I knew that he was a leader and spiritual father to many. I remember interacting with him at the priestly summer gatherings up north after playing a round of golf. He and I would shoot the breeze throughout the evening. I appreciated how he would ask time to time about my seminary journey. Please know that I ask for his intercession and prayers to be a spiritual father here at St. Gabriel Parish. I am also praying for this community as they mourn a beloved friend, pastor, and mentor.

**CMA Report:** As of **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, we have \$52,156 pledged/paid towards our assessment of \$63,115 which is 83% by 45% of parish families. If you haven't pledged please consider helping us reach our goal! It takes **ALL** of us to make it to the finish line!


*You are cordially invited...*

There will be a **Memorial Mass** commemorating the 20th anniversary of the death of Bishop Kenneth Untener on Wednesday March 27, 2024, at 12pm in Bay City at Saint Catherine of Sienna Parish. Rev. Jim Bessert will preside at the Mass and Rev. Robert Byrne will be the homilist.



**Grief Recovery Training.**

**Have you ever considered becoming a part of a grief recovery team here at St Gabriel Parish? We are looking for 4-6 people who may be interested in this ministry. You would be required to attend a 7-week training series, within the Diocese and then receive facilitator training. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Kelly Hadd, 989-295-5339.**



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Single (1 Urn)		\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)		\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche		\$ 350 per niche
	CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot		\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial		\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains		\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial		\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional