



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are blessed to be one family of God, a multicultural community of believers whose mission is "to know Christ better and make Him better known." We are one family in faith, sharing in the responsibility of building up the Church of God in the East Bay and ensuring the ongoing vitality of our diocesan Church for future generations.

As we prepare for the future, we have an opportunity to renew our commitment to God and one another. I invite you to be a part of the *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* campaign; our historic endeavor to strengthen our local parish communities and our diocesan Church. This \$65 million campaign will enhance our ability to educate and form our children and young adults, provide increased pastoral and spiritual care, expand services for the "least of our brothers and sisters," provide for our retired clergy, strengthen our parishes and improve the overall financial condition of our Church of the East Bay.

As I hold you in my prayers, I also ask you to please pray for me and for the success of our diocesan capital campaign.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Bishop of Oakland

**The Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign kicks off the week of April 6th.** Our goal is \$259,794. St. Augustine's portion is 25% of the total raised, so \$64,948 will stay directly in our Parish if the goal is met.

We will be forming a Campaign Committee that includes the following: General Chairperson, Parish Outreach Chairperson, Parish Outreach Team, Reception Coordinator, and Campaign Secretary. Any parishioner interested in serving should contact Fr. Augustine.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

##### **For Adults:**

What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

##### **For Children:**

What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

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#### Easter

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, as He said". (Matt.25:5-6b)

Easter follows Holy Week and is the third and final day of the Paschal Triduum, the three day period which began on the evening of Holy Thursday. The evening prayer of Easter Day officially ends the Triduum. The *Triduum* contains the heart of the Christian faith: Jesus' death and resurrection. Easter is not just a day, but an entire fifty day season, called Eastertide, marked by joyful festivities and liturgical fullness. You might hear, "Christ is Risen!" and "Alleluia!" frequently during the Easter season, because we are joyfully celebrating Christ's bodily resurrection. The Feast of the Ascension falls within Easter season. The 50-day season of Easter runs up to, and including, the Feast of Pentecost.

The Risen Lord is the same person, but completely different. This is hard for us to understand.

How can the same person be totally different? The Risen Lord can be here and at a thousand other places at the same time. He is no longer bound by the limitations of space and time. He can pass through closed doors and appear to anybody anywhere.

This is exactly what happens to us after our death. We are the same, but completely different. It is not easy to describe it in human words; but we experience a little of it during the season of Lent. At the end of our Lenten observances we are the same, but different. We have changed our priorities in life, our attitudes, and rise to a new Christian life as Jesus did at Easter.

**Happy Easter. May the Risen Savior bless us with many wonderful graces.**

Father Augustine



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#### Mission Statement

We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.

Kindly keep the following parishioner in your prayers as she has been placed in **Hospice care**: Marilyn La Placa.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**

Anita Eble, Elizabeth Carter, Karen Miller, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguing, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Claudia Johnson.

**And those who have died:**

*Joan Morris, Hortense Atkins, Evelyn Vega, George Shaw, Cora Jose, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Juanita Morris.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8:30 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Bob Stockman (-)**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015: \$4,708.00 (*includes EFT*)  
*St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$163.80*  
 St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection \$1,366.00

**Weekly Worship Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Eucharist**

**8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.**

**Weekday Eucharist**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Communion Service**

**Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday 4 p.m.**

Quiet times of centering prayer, a brief reflection, shared petitions, framed with simple music. All are welcome!" The service will begin on Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m. and will last approximately 25 minutes. No prior experience or training is necessary in order to participate; all that is needed is a desire to meet with a small group to spend time in prayer. If you would like more information, please contact Susan Schaeffer at [lilac52@gmail.com](mailto:lilac52@gmail.com) or [415-935-1729](tel:415-935-1729)

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May in St. Theresa Event Center (4850 Clarewood Dr., Oakland), meeting room 1 at 9:15 am with hospitality followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15 am. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. Rev. Deborah Lee, Director, Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, will be the speaker on March 18th. Her presentation opens the Spring season, a Social Justice series that challenges women to discern ways of putting faith into action. For more information, or to attend as a guest, contact Courtenay Redis [atcourtenaymorganredis@gmail.com](mailto:atcourtenaymorganredis@gmail.com).

**Dates to Remember:**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: **NO 6 PM MASS**

Wednesday, April 15th Baptism Class 7 PM

Sunday, April 26, Baptism 10:30 am Mass

**There will be no Bible Study this Sunday**, April 5, 2015. Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafeteria on Sunday, April 12. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month.

Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 a.m. on following days in 2015: April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup>

**A Note from St. Vincent de Paul**

A reminder to use the Rice Bowl for your Lenten giving tradition. In years past this was for the foreign missions, but today 25% is given to needs for food locally. We here at St Augustine's food pantry have received a Grant for the past 3 years of \$600. from the Rice Bowl Charity through the Catholic Relief Society (CRS).

Also if you are thinking of Spring Cleaning, our Big Blue Van will be in the parking lot on May 30 and 31. We will welcome your "gently used" clothing, furniture, home items and electronics. This is an extra "Bundle Weekend" this year.

**HOSPITALITY**

At its root, true hospitality is a spiritual discipline that reminds us of how we ourselves have been received by Christ. Hospitality can be extended in countless ways: A smile, an introduction, an invitation are all small exercises that, as with any exercise, are building blocks to something greater. The more one practices hospitality, the better one can welcome and receive others.

In a perfect world parish leadership would set the tone for welcoming visitors through programs and structures. But individuals who are part of a less-hospitable parish don't have an excuse: It's the job of each one of us to reach out, even just a little bit, to the people around us, both those we recognize and those we don't. Even if there's no social time after Mass, it's still possible to strike up a conversation or introduce oneself to someone sitting in the next pew.

[Heather Grennan Gary](#)

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**Please turn in your Rice Bowl boxes in the basket on the registration table in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.**