



## St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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### UPCOMING CAMPAIGN RECEPTIONS!

**Fr. Augustine asks that EVERY parish household attend one campaign reception! All receptions will be held in the church. Reception dates are:**

- *Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, May 20 at 12:00 Noon*
- *Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.*

#### **We are looking forward to seeing you there!**

Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. has called us to participate in the **Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together** campaign. Informative receptions will begin next week and we are asking you to sacrifice a little more than an hour of your time to learn about the campaign. This historic project will help both the diocese and the parish so we hope to see you there!

#### **Not too late to RSVP!**

If you haven't gotten a chance to RSVP for a reception, it's not too late! You can RSVP by mailing in your RSVP card, calling the parish office 510-653-8631, or by emailing [staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com)

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## Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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#### Parish News

**First Holy Communion:** This year we have eight children receiving First Holy Communion. In the name of our Church I would like to congratulate the children and their families for taking this important step in their faith journey. I am sure almost everyone remembers their First Communion; it a day that is forever embedded in the heart and soul of every Catholic person!

Holy Communion is our food of eternal life that strengthens us here on earth while we are on this pilgrimage of life towards our eternal home in heaven. Please pray for our children and their families. I also thank all those who worked hard to prepare the children for this special occasion, especially Jenny Girard Malley.

**Mothers' Day:** It is that day of the year which we better not forget! Mothers are special and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray for all mothers. I request your prayers also for my own mother who is undergoing a lot of difficulties.

**Diocesan Capital Campaign:** We are in the midst of this important campaign for our diocese. I invite everyone to put aside all differences, or grievances, if any, and joyfully participate in it. Our church is bigger than us; our participation helps our communities. Please attend the receptions that are announced in the bulletin and in your invitation letters.

**Maintenance works:** As the Church is more than 55 years old, maintenance is a constant challenge. There is always something that needs fixing. Whatever help anyone can give in this regard is highly appreciated.

These days we are pruning the plants around the rectory and church, refinishing the steps of the church and the rectory and fixing the basement restrooms in the Church. I want to thank Douglas Castro who meticulously follows up the maintenance needs of the Church.

**Daily Mass Chapel:** For about two months we have been celebrating the daily Mass in the Reconciliation Room. It seems to be quite suitable for the purpose. Now we are in the process of making it a more permanent chapel by adding an altar, and a mini-sacristy. If anybody would like to contribute to these works please contact the parish office. All contributions will be acknowledged inside the chapel.

Fr. Augustine



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Douglas Castro/Maintenance

#### 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:**

Suzy Arnhart, Frances Delegeane, Evelyn Tude, Carol Sobrano, Elizabeth Carter, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguing, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson., Patty Wiesner.

**And those who have died:**

Mary Pavao, Sunny Gustafson, Joan Morris, Hortense Atkins, Evelyn Vega, George Shaw, Cora Jose, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Juanita Morris.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

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

**Mary Pavao (+)**

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6 p.m.

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**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015: \$3,704.00 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship: \$135.75

**Dates to Remember**

Sunday, May 10th: Mother's Day

Sunday, May 17th: First Communions

Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd & 24th: Pentecost

Saturday, May 30th: Family/Parent Faith Formation meeting at 9:30 am in the cafeteria.

**We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafeteria. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.**

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

Next week, May 17, there will be a second collection for Catholic Charities of the East Bay. This year all of the envelopes and cash will be placed in a tamper-proof bag and picked up by Catholic Charities a week after the appeal. **Please make your checks out to Catholic Charities of the East Bay.** They thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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.**

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

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.

**Curious about Catholicism?**

Join us on Sunday mornings in the (rectory parlor) at 9 am, beginning May 17th, to ask every question you've ever wanted to ask about being Catholic. This is a hospitable, welcoming space for seekers and inquirers. For more information, contact Jen Owens [jen.owens9@gmail.com](mailto:jen.owens9@gmail.com) (510) 653-8631 ext. 103.

**Congratulations** to Mary Owens and Florence Ottoboni for being recognized in the Catholic Voice article "Women Who Make a Difference. Mary Owens is the president of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Augustine's and Florence is the treasurer. Both women secure help for needy children's school supplies and school clothing for families, distribute food stipends and helps individuals living in a safe house connected to the church. Both are longtime, active, influential Conference members.



Dear Brothers and Sisters - I wanted to inform you that our school tenant, EBI (Escuela Bilingue Internacional) will be doing many improvements to the interior and exterior of the school building this summer. EBI has been a wonderful tenant and partner for almost 10 years. We are lucky to have such a good steward with whom to share our St. Augustine campus.

I wanted to make you aware of some of these changes, so we all understand why additional activity and extra equipment may be on site for several months this summer. Specifically EBI will do repairs and upgrades to the windows, which will directly improve the look of the school. They will paint some of the exterior as well, and possibly rearranging some of their outdoor features.

Inside, EBI plans to upgrade bathrooms and classrooms and homogenize decades of paint colors. With an old building, one can expect lead. EBI has informed me that they will be working with certified contractors and following all federal guidelines when in contact with any lead paint. They are taking this particular aspect of the renovations very seriously, and I trust they will be in compliance.

We look forward to the new improvements,

-Father Augustine

**Please join the fun at the 8th Annual Day at the Races**

Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope invites you to our 8th Annual Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on May 16, 2015! This year's event will include the exciting Silent Action with specialty baskets for sports fans and gourmet dinners, fine wines and some interesting and unique trips-- the Main Giants Raffle (need not be present to win) with Giants owner's tickets, a \$200 restaurant package and a \$100 Nordstrom's Shopping Spree!

Vision of Hope is looking forward to setting new records for both attendance and benefits for the children in our eight inner-city Vision of Hope schools. Students from our local schools (St. Elizabeth, St. James and St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception) will welcome you.

Enjoy the Breakfast and Lunch Buffet and get comfortable before the first race around 11:00 am. The Sisters hope to see you there!

For information or tickets: call (510) 533-5768 or go to [www.visionofhope.org](http://www.visionofhope.org)

Catholic Charities of the East Bay presents  
Transforming Lives Tour.

We invite you to learn more about our programs. Hear from our staff, clients and volunteers as we fulfill Pope Francis' call to "transform and serve". Tours are on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month from 12 pm to 1 pm at our main office located at:  
433 Jefferson St., Oakland, CA 94607  
Please contact Debra Gunn at (510) 768-3142 or [dgunn@cceb.org](mailto:dgunn@cceb.org) to attend.

**2015 Tour Dates:**

May 14 & 21

June 11 & 18