

St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CAMPAIGN RECEPTION!

Fr. Augustine asks that EVERY parish household attend one campaign reception! The receptions will take place in the Church on:

➤ *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 are the best way to learn about the campaign and we are asking you to sacrifice a little more than an hour of your time to learn about the campaign. It will also give you a great opportunity to ask questions about the campaign and the diocese. This historic project will help both the diocese and the parish so we hope to see you there!

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.
- James 2:17-26

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Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 CE. According to the New Testament, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Depending upon the phases of the moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is celebrated on a Thursday. However, some churches, particularly in the United States, celebrate it on the following Sunday.

Many Eastern Orthodox churches calculate the date of *Pascha* (Easter) according to the Julian calendar, rather than the Gregorian calendar used by many western churches, so their Ascension Day usually occurs after the western observance.

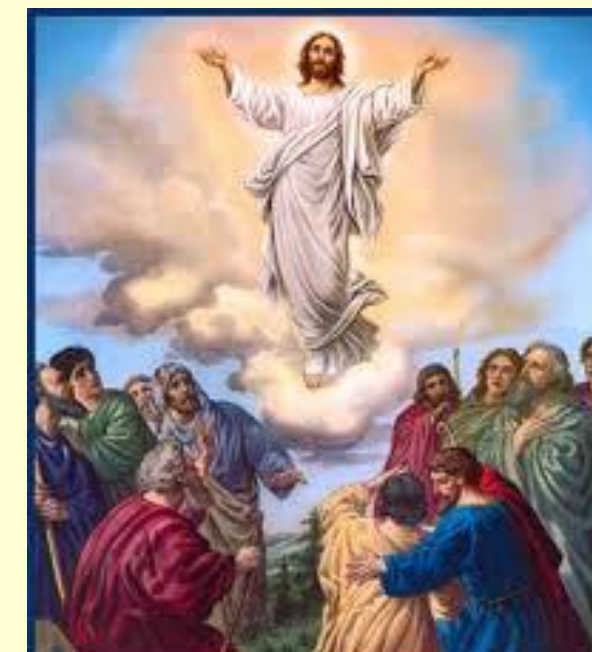
The ascension of Jesus is professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed. The ascension implies Jesus' humanity being taken into Heaven. The Feast of the Ascension is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. The ascension is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, and resurrection.

By the 6th century, the iconography of the ascension in Christian art had been established, and by the 9th century ascension scenes were being depicted on domes of churches. Many ascension scenes have two parts, an upper (Heavenly) part and a lower (earthly) part. The ascending Jesus is often shown blessing with his right hand - directed towards the earthly group below Him and signifying that He is blessing the entire Church.

Bishop Barber Visiting Saint Augustine Church

Our Local Ordinary, Bishop of Oakland, Michael Barber will be celebrating Holy Mass at Saint Augustine Church on June 28th at 10:30 AM. All members of our church are invited to participate in the Holy Mass and to welcome and greet our shepherd. Let's keep our diocese, our Bishop and all those who work at the chancery, in our prayers that through their leadership our Church may continue to grow and flourish.

Fr. Augustine Joseph



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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:

Jasmine Harris, 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 16th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, May 17th, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, May 17th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Pat Nolan (-)

Sunday, May 17th, 2015, 6 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

May 10th, 2015: \$3,932.00 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship: \$76.53

Dates to Remember

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

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

June 6th: Corpus Christi

June 21st: Fr. Sean Toole presides at the 6 PM Mass

There will be no bible study this Sunday, May 17th, 2015. We will resume on Sunday, May 24, 2015. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

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 to attend.

2015 Tour Dates:

May 14 & 21

June 11 & 18

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

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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.

Please join Fr. Augustine in congratulating the 2015 Communion Class.

**Charles Hyosung Ahn
Aidan Michael Capra
Daniel Antoine Chevalier
Matteo Christian George
Chiara Noelle Kovac
Matthew Andres Martin
Sophia Louise Rauenhorst
Orinthia Rebecca Grace Speckman**



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