

## St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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### We Need You!

We are Looking Forward to Seeing You at a Reception

#### The Catholic Diocese of Oakland Community

Today, there are over 400,000 Catholics, 83 parishes and 1 mission, 108 active diocesan priests; 112 deacons, 29 seminarians, 175 religious priests, 96 religious brothers, 337 religious sisters, and 55 Catholic high schools, elementary schools and colleges under the pastoral care of Most Reverend Michael Barber. Our diocese includes rural, urban and suburban communities, and our population is perhaps the most economically and ethnically diverse in the nation. Masses are celebrated regularly in seventeen different languages, which is indicative of the rich cultural diversity of the East Bay and the local Church.

Together, we celebrate Mass and share in our call to discipleship. We proudly embrace and live our diocesan mission "to know Christ better and make Him better known."

#### We Need Your Prayers...

Our faith teaches us the importance of prayer. Your daily prayers for the success of our important project are invaluable. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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All registered parishioners of St. Augustine Catholic Church received an invitation to attend a campaign reception. All of our receptions will take place in the Church. Reception dates are:

**Thursday • May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**  
**Wednesday • May 20 at 12:00 Noon in the Church**  
**Wednesday • May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**

You can RSVP by returning your reply card, calling the parish office (510) 653-8631 or by emailing [staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com)

This is also a chance to take some time out of your busy schedule to meet and communicate with each other. Please remember, **you will not be asked to turn in a pledge at these receptions.** Leave your wallets at home, but bring your questions!

This campaign is absolutely vital for the life and growth of our diocese and parish. One of the most important things you can do during this campaign is to join us at a reception. **Please be sure to RSVP as soon as possible!**

## Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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#### Diocesan Campaign and Stewardship

Everything we have and are, except our sins, is a gift from God... Our nationality, parents, race, etc. we did not choose any of these.

I do not, ultimately, own anything. I have the use of many things for a time, but, ultimately, I am the steward, the caretaker of what God alone owns, even my own life. One day I have to render an account of my stewardship; how did I use the gifts that God has entrusted to me?

Once I realize this ultimate truth, my instinctive response should be to give thanks to God. This can be done in many ways:

- Participate in the Holy Mass as the most important activity of my life. It is the perfect form of worship and thanksgiving to God made possible by Jesus, the Son Of God. This is called the stewardship of time. Do I spend my time wisely, to praise and worship God?
- We give thanks by using and developing the gifts that God has given us, not neglecting them or under-appreciating them. It is the stewardship of talent. Using and developing my talents for the good of all;
- By giving back to God some share of what God has given to me - a first share. It is the stewardship of treasure. Today we focus on the stewardship of treasure and we will have occasion to speak of the other stewardships at another time.
- There is also the stewardship of ecology – conservation of energy and the preserving of God's creation.

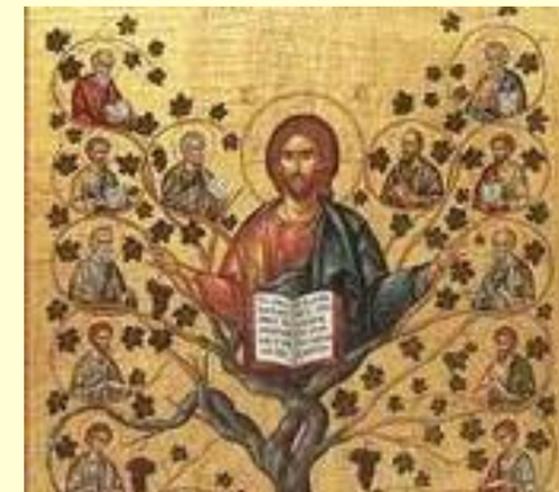
**Stewardship of treasure/finances:** That is giving part of our treasures to God. In the Old Testament Israel gave the first of everything to God...first- born of lambs, harvest, first measure of olive oil, first jug of wine, as well as dedicating the first of their sons to God. The people gave 10% of their income to God. It may not be easy for all. An old archbishop used to say give 5% to the Church and other 5% to other charitable causes.

How do we start? Give from your gross salary an hour pay a week that is 1/40<sup>th</sup> of what one earns. At the beginning of the year plan your finances to give a percentage to God. Make it part of your priority. Give what we treasure to God; not our leftover or not what we do not need. The poor widow in the Gospel gave all she had (two cents!).

We give in joy, in gratitude to God for His gifts and not grudgingly. It is giving back to God what we have received.

You give because you want to give; you love to give; not because the Church needs your gift. The Church will muddle along somehow. The basis of our decision is our need to give, to show our gratitude to God. It is part of our spiritual growth; it is an investment for us in the kingdom of heaven. It is not about fund-raising; it springs up from your need to share what you have with God and with one another. I do not know what you contribute. It is between God and you.

Fr. 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:**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Rev. Eugene Duggan (+)**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**John Stockman (-)**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, 6 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015: \$4,428.00 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship: \$77.93

**Dates to Remember**

Sunday, May 10th: Mother's Day

Sunday, May 17th: First Communions

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

**We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</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

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: 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>

**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.**

**Please note that starting Monday, May 4,** we are repairing the front steps of the church. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

**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.

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)

**Engage Your Heart Through Service To Others**

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality ([www.ignatiancompanions.org](http://www.ignatiancompanions.org)) is a unique program that engages women and men, retired and semi-retired, who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities while deepening their spiritual foundations. We are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 program year and will be welcoming new participants until our program is filled to its capacity.

If you have an interest, we invite you to attend our upcoming Come and See Session on Saturday, May 9 at 10:30am at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. For more information please contact us at [ignatiancompanions@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiancompanions@gmail.com) or [415-375-0622](tel:415-375-0622).

You are cordially invited to a reception to **honor the memory of Mary Pavao**, a longstanding and active parishioner of St. Augustine's and wife of Ed Pavao, on **Sunday, May 3** following the 10:30 AM mass. Please bring your favorite memories of Mary and any pictures you may have to share.

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

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**For Adults:**

When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

**For Children:**

When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

**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)