

A Letter from The Society for the Propagation of the Faith—Diocese of Oakland

August 23, 2016

Dear Father Augustine,

I am very grateful for your gift of \$888.00 (Check #7857 dated 7/05/16) as you join in the worldwide mission of Jesus and his Church.

Your generous act of giving to the Mission Cooperative Plan helps sustain the preaching, teaching, healing, and life-giving mission of Christ throughout the World. The support of mission priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay Catechists, through your prayers and sacrifices, help others come to know Christ better and experience His love and healing in their daily lives.

Thank you again for your generosity and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend George Mockel, Missions Director

St. Joseph of Cupertino Feast Day

St. Joseph was born in 1603 at Cupertino, in the diocese of Nardo in the Kingdom of Naples. After spending his childhood and adolescence in simplicity and innocence, he finally joined the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he gave himself up entirely to a life of devotion to the Lord and his church. His deep devotional life led him to the kind of holiness which is forged through humility, voluntary mortification, and obedience. He was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted devotion to her among all classes of people as wonderful path to a deeper Christian life and love for Jesus Christ.

It is said that his mother often considered him a nuisance and treated him harshly. Joseph was purported to be slow to learn and absent-minded. He was said to frequently wander aimlessly, with his mouth gaping open. And, he had a bad temper, so, he was not at all popular. He tried to learn the trade of shoemaking, but failed. He asked to become a Franciscan, but they initially would not accept him. Finally he did join the Capuchins. However, for a very short period of time. Eight months later, they sent him away. Sources say it was because he could not seem to do anything right.

He dropped piles of dishes and kept forgetting to do what he was told. His mother was not at all pleased to have the eighteen-year-old Joseph back home again, so she finally got him accepted as a servant at the Franciscan monastery. He was given the friars habit and put to hard work taking care of the horses.

About this time, Joseph began to change. He grew in humility and gentleness, fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in a person. He became more careful and successful at his work. He also began to pray more do more voluntary acts of penance. Finally, he was able to enter the Franciscan order and, eventually, study for the priesthood. Although he was a good and holy friar, he had a very hard time with studies. During his seminary exams, the examiner happened to ask him to explain the only thing he knew well, and so he was ordained a deacon, and later a priest.

After this, the Holy Spirit began to work many amazing miracles through St. Joseph. Over seventy times, people say they saw him rise from the ground while offering mass or praying. Often he went into ecstasy and would be caught up in talking with God. He fell so deeply in love with God that everything he saw only drew him into a deeper union. He said that all the troubles of this world were nothing but the "play" battles children have with popguns. St. Joseph became so famous for the miracles that he was finally kept hidden from the public, but he was happy for the chance to be alone with his beloved Lord. On His part, Jesus never left him alone and one day came to bring him to Heaven. Pope Clement XIII canonized him in 1767. He is the patron saint of air travelers, pilots and learning disabled.

The life of this saint was marked by ecstasies and levitations. The mere mention of God or a spiritual matter was enough to take him out of his senses; at Mass he is said to have frequently floated in the air in rapture. Once as Christmas carols were being sung, he soared to the high altar and knelt in the air, in ecstatic prayer. The people flocked to him in droves seeking help and advice in the confessional, and he assisted many in living a truly devout Christian life. However, this humble man had to endure many severe trials and terrible temptations throughout his life. He died on September 18, 1663.

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Pastor's Note:

Congratulations, Father Freddie

Father Freddie has decided to pursue Accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) at John Muir Hospital, Concord. He has suspended his Biblical studies at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. The Clinical Pastoral Education Program at John Muir Medical Center, Concord is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. He will be pursuing this study for one year. John Muir, Concord, which is offering him a four unit residency program of accredited CPE each year; each unit lasts eleven weeks, and is full-time from September through August, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Residents in the year-long program receive a stipend of \$32,000 with medical insurance reimbursement up to \$350 per month and pay no tuition.

Father Freddie is already enrolled in the program. As he says, "it was a stiff competition to get into the program. There were many applicants with limited seats." He beat every odd and was accepted into the program.

He will be moving on from Saint Augustine Parish. We thank Father Freddie for his ministry at the parish. He has brought joy to the lives of many. We wish him all success and God's blessing in his new ventures. He will be leaving the parish very soon.

Father Augustine

Mission Statement

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



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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Virginia Nelson, Vivian Richardi, Pat Nolan, Sylvia Lope, Jim McMurray.

And those who have died:

Claudia Johnson, George Wolfe, Loretta Schmitz, Mari Kittel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 17th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Helen Prara (+)

Sunday, September 18th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Allan D. Sanchez Sr. (+)

Sunday, September 18th, 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, September 18th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 11th, 2016, Collection: \$3,155.00 Includes EFT

2nd Collection/Retired Priest Fund: \$446.00

Votive Candle donations: \$0.00

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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Prayer Tree

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sunday of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2016: October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th.

Taize Prayer

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 or [415-935-1729](tel:415-935-1729)

Question of the Week

For Adults:

Can cheating and deception ever be justified?

For Children:

If someone treats you unfairly, do you have the right to do the same to them?

Rosary Repairs

Is your rosary sitting in a drawer, broken and need of repair? Contact Suzy Arnhart before or after the 10:30 am Mass, and she will gladly repair it free of charge.

Ministry Calendar:

RCIA Inquiry Class – Wednesday, Sept 21st

Family Faith Formation –

Classes Begin Sunday, Sept 21st @ 9:10 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 10:30 am mass

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.**

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

Bulletin Submission #55 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends, I have now completed an entire year here at St. Augustine. I am amazed at the number of wonderful experiences God has provided us during this time. Never could I have imagined the love and affection I have experienced in this parish nor the amount I would feel for each of you. It has truly been a blessing in my life. Having also been through a complete cycle here, I am excited to continue the rich traditions of St. Augustine and embrace the opportunities for communion and fellowship that await us in the coming year. As we enjoy the celebrate the close of the Holy Year of Mercy and look to our New Liturgical year I am hoping to work closer with each of you in ministry you are called to. We are currently in need of Eucharistic ministers for all of the masses, teachers and aides in the Family Faith Formation and many more ministries. I invite you to consider prayerfully your role in living the Gospel right here in our parish.

Family Faith Formation begins next Sunday, September 25 @ 9:10 am

Registration information and forms are now available for this coming year. The program is available for Kinder – 4th Grade. If your child is starting 1st grade they should begin classes this year to be ready for sacramental preparation when they are in 2nd grade. Faith Formation classes begin on September 18th and are held from 9:10 am to 10:10 am on Sunday morning. Families can attend the 8 am or 10:30 am mass together, as classes are between the two morning masses. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church or more information please contact Karen @ (510) 653-8631 or kglen.staugustinemc@gmail.com

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, September 18, 2016, 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