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Ministry Month: We are celebrating the Month of May as Ministry Month. We have all received much from our church and our community. It is one way of giving back. It is a wonderful opportunity to share our time and talent with our faith community. 'It is in giving that we receive.' Mary, mother of Jesus, is a great example of service and it is fitting that we observe May as ministry month.

Fr. Augustine

Laudate Si :Section 48:

"Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest."(Bolivian Bishops' Conference, Pastoral Letter on the Environment and Human Development in Bolivia March 2013) For example, the depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects poor people who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea mainly affect impoverishes coastal populations who have nowhere else to go. The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources' and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.

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

Our Cathedral of Christ the Light Pilgrimage Mass is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, from 10 am to 12 pm. Please mark your calendars for this special event. More information will be provided in future bulletins.

Please join members of the Prayer Tree

To pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2016: May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

Electronic Funds Transfer
IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!
Application Forms are in the back of the church

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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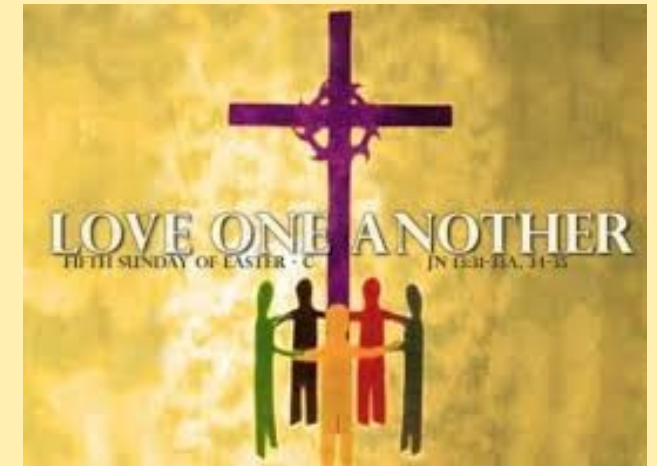
We have a very active and dynamic **Parish Pastoral Council**. We thank God for them and their ministry in our parish. Please keep the members of the council in your prayers that through their service to our community they may experience 'the depth and breadth of Divine love.'

Month of Mary: The month of May is traditionally celebrated in Catholic tradition as a month dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus. It is a wonderful opportunity for all to grow in our filial devotion to Mary. While dying on the Cross, our Savior gave Mary to us as our own mother, (John 19:25-27) a heavenly intercessor who prays for us. A filial devotion to Mary is nurtured in our Catholic devotional life. The simple prayer 'Hail Mary' is on the lips of every Catholic person asking Mary to "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

We are in the process of making the Marian Altar in the Church more accessible for devotional practices. 'As part of this plan we want to relocate the choir to the side of the Church. Eventually we hope to add devotional candles in front of the statue of Mary that the faithful can light in her honor.

Day of Mercy: It is a great opportunity for us to spend time together in prayer. The next day of mercy is on Tuesday, May 3rd 2016. It will begin with Scriptural Rosary and conclude with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome to participate in Day of Mercy prayer experience.

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Mission Statement

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

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Maria Pestle, Virginia Nelson, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato, Ruby Toro.

And those who have died:

George & Alice Weller, Thresia Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016, 5 p.m.

Sarah Glen (-)

Sunday, April 24th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Arnold Gil D. Sanchez (+)

Sunday, April 24th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Anthony & Mary Chan (+)

Sunday, April 24th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

April 17th Collection: \$3,121.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$135.84

We will continue our Bible Study next Sunday, May 1st, 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

**Join the Fun and Support Catholic Education at Our
9th Annual Day at the Races!**

Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope invites you to our **9th Annual Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on May 21, 2016**. In addition to an exciting day of racing - including a live broadcast of the Preakness Stakes - the event features a silent auction of gift baskets, gift certificates, vacations, sporting event tickets and much more. Raffle items include owner's tickets to Giants games, \$200 restaurant package and \$150 Nordstrom's gift certificate. All tickets include valet parking, admission to the Turf Club, daily racing program, breakfast and prime rib lunch buffets.

Vision of Hope looks forward to setting new records for both attendance and benefits for the children in our three local schools: St. Elizabeth in Oakland, St. James and St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception in San Francisco.

For information call Vision of Hope at [510-533-5768](tel:510-533-5768) or go to www.visionofhope.org.

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

For Children:

Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

Catholic Charities of the East Bay wants to be of assistance.

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Steve Mullin

[510 393-8640](tel:510-393-8640)

Ministry Schedule

April 27th @ 6 pm RCIA - Mystagogy

April 29th @ 6 pm/St. Benedict-Ceasefire Walk for Peace (see Karen for more info)

May 1st @ 9:15 am ~ NO FF

May 1st @ 10:30 am mass ~ Children's Liturgy of the Word

May 3rd @ 7 pm – Day of Mercy/May Crowning

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Pilgrimage/ Cathedral of Christ the Light @ 10 am. Saturday, June 11th

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

During the Easter Season as we determine how to truly live our Christian calling, I will be sharing thoughts on what Stewardship is and what it means to our lives. (Part 3 of 6) **(Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)**

Stewards of Vocation - Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church - Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;

Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;

All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

43) Lead with a kind comment with friends as well as strangers.

44) When conversations devolve into “the dark joy” of gossip, help change the subject.

Visit the Diocese Jubilee of Mercy website @ <http://www.jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

Visit our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>

Please continue to pray with me that our Parish community will grow in God's love and holiness. In Christ's love, Karen

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