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Ministry leaders, and everyone else: please be advised to report any suspicious behavior to the pastor or staff, or if necessary, call 911. Under no circumstances should any parishioner ever try to apprehend or chase a suspect.

Let us pray for this young man and people engaged in wrong doings, that realizing their iniquities, they may amend their ways.

Fr. Augustine

Laudate Si :Section 49:

"...many professionals, opinion makers, communications media and centers of power, being located in affluent urban areas, are far removed from the poor, with little direct contact with their problems. They live and reason from the comfortable position of a high level of development and a quality of life well beyond the reach of the majority of the world's population. This lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a green rhetoric."

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

Watch and Pray

The scriptures tell us to 'watch and pray.' "Be always on the **watch, and pray** that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen..." Luke 21:36. Christianity has always been a persecuted religion. It is no exception today. The model presented by Jesus is that in 'dying we are born to eternal life.' While on our pilgrim journey on this earth all of us experience suffering in different ways. While accepting the suffering that comes our way in Christ-like manner, we need not invite, nor look out for, suffering. In fact, it is our duty to minimize and reduce suffering as much as possible.

Robberies in Catholic Churches around Berkeley/Oakland: There have been some reported robberies of the collection basket in some Catholic Churches in the area. We experienced it last Sunday. On Sunday, April 24th, at our 10:30 am Mass, one of our ushers was approached by a young African-American man in his early twenties, who grabbed a handful of money that was in her collection basket. He then ran out of the church. She had just started taking up the collection so only about \$30 was lost.

I had noticed the young man coming in and out of the Church; he seemed to be looking for something. When asked 'what he wanted,' he said that he was looking for food for the poor. He pretended to be going out of the Church but instead came in through the front door, grabbed money out of the collection basket, and ran out.

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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 Pestl, 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 30th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, May 1st, 2016, 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 1st, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 1st, 2016, 6 p.m.

Antonio Custodio (-)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

April 24th Collection: \$3,089.00 Includes EFT

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$49.98

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

For Children:

When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision? 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

The weekend of May 7th & 8th, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

We will continue our Bible Study next Sunday, May 8th, 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 or go to www.visionofhope.org.

Ministry Schedule

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

May 4th @ 6 pm RCIA - Mystagogy

May 8th @ 9:15 am – Sacramental Prep for First Holy Communion

May 8th @ 10:30 am mass ~ Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator**Bulletin Submission #35 6th Sunday of Easter**

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 5 of 6) (Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship) Obstacles to Stewardship - People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures. At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

45) Can you play the piano, or any instrument? Can you recite poetry? Give free “concerts” to the forgotten people in nursing homes or assisted living centers.

46) Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around, praying a rosary for all the souls buried there.

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