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Heavenly Mother: For those of us who lost their mother (including myself) it is a great opportunity to pray for our mothers and thank God for them. This day reminds us that we have a heavenly mother, Mary, the mother of Jesus. Hanging on the cross our Savior gave us this heavenly mother when he said, "Here is your mother," John 19:27.

In our church we have a beautiful Marian altar. All are invited to pray at the altar. We hope to add devotional candles at the altar that it may help us in our prayer life!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Fr. Augustine

Laudate Si :Section 50:

"...one way of refusing to face the issues ...is to legitimize the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which could never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption. Besides, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and " whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor"...."a rise in consumption would lead to complex regional situations , as a result of the interplay between problems linked to environmental pollution, transport, waste treatment, loss of resources and quality of life"

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: 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

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Today St Andrew's Methodist Church contains the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she had started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases "second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day", and created the Mother's Day International Association. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its own mother, not a plural possessive, commemorating all mothers in the world."

Anna Jarvis disliked the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the *emphasis of the holiday should be on sentiment, not profit.* (From various sources.)

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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, May 7th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Susan Fisher (+)

Sunday, May 8th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Kathleen Tuba (-)

Sunday, May 8th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Thresia Joseph (+)

Sunday, May 8th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Margaret McCormick (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

May 1st Collection: \$ 4,173.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$156.62

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communications needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship and witness to the world.

We will continue our Bible Study next Sunday, May 15th, 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,

**Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Parish Collection
May 14th & 15th 2016**

It is our actions that Give Meaning to Mercy. Each year at this time, we are provided with an opportunity to partner with Catholic Charities of the East Bay to make the mercy of God real to those in our community most in need. Catholic Charities of the East Bay is our Charity and as such makes us one of the largest providers of social services in the East Bay. Your financial pledge or one time gift will enable the Church to better welcome the stranger, heal trauma, lift people out of poverty and Give Meaning to Mercy. Please give generously to this appeal on May 14th and 15th.

(For more information contact Steve Mullin, Parish Outreach Manager, at 510 768-3165 or smullin@cceb.org)

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

Who in your family has the gift of wisdom?
How does he or she use this gift?

For Children:

Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

Holy Mass for Fr. Augustine's Mother

I will be offering the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass this weekend, May 8th, for the repose of the soul of my mother, Thresia Joseph. Please keep her, and all the members of my family, in your valuable prayers that the Lord may give us the grace to deal with this loss in faith and hope in the resurrection.

Ministry Schedule

May 14th @ 9:00 am ~ First Holy Communion Retreat

May 14th @ 10:30 am ~ Environment Change in the Church

May 14 @ 2:30 pm RCIA – Mystagogy

May 14th & 15th ~ Celebration of Pentecost/ Parish International Potluck

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

May 15th @ 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

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 6 of 6) **(Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)**

A Steward's Way ~The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). After

Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is a part of that journey.

56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

47) Go on retreat. It's a way to be merciful to yourself and the people around you, who know you need to go on retreat. If you cannot do that, at least try to make a day, or evening, of recollection.

48) Admit your jealousy to yourself and your confessor.

- See more at: <http://aleteia.org/2015/12/07/54-ways-to-be-merciful-during-the-jubilee-year-of-mercy/#sthash.zzG3avfD.dpuf>

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