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**Devotional Chapel**

We are hoping to set up the devotional chapel together with the Marian altar for our devotional practices. We want to add devotional candles (electric) that the faithful could light in honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary and the saints. We will have more information in the coming weeks.

Father Augustine

Laudate Si :!Section 54:

"It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. The failure of global summits on the environment makes it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance. There are too many special interests, and economic interests end up trumping the common good and manipulating information so that their own plans will not be affected....Consequently the most one can expect is superficial rhetoric and perfunctory expressions of concern for the environment, whereas any genuine attempt to introduce change is viewed as a nuisance based on romantic illusions or an obstacle to be circumvented.

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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****Pentecost**

In the New Testament, Pentecost was the occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–31. Thus in the Christian liturgical year, it became a feast commemorating this occasion. For this reason, Pentecost is described as the "Birthday of the Church." The Pentecostal movement of Christianity derives its name from this New Testament event, as the movement emphasizes direct personal experience with God, akin to the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Catholic Charismatic movement, too, has its inspiration from this New Testament event.

The main sign of Pentecost in the West is the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Priests or ministers, and choirs wear red vestments, and, in modern times, the custom has extended to the lay people of the congregation wearing red clothing in celebration as well. Red banners are often hung from walls or ceilings to symbolize the blowing of the "mighty wind" and the free movement of the Spirit.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Veni Sancte Spiritus is the sequence hymn for the Day of Pentecost. This has been translated into many languages and is sung in many denominations today.

Latin  
Veni, creator Spiritus,  
mentes tuorum visita,  
imple superna gratia,  
quae tu creasti pectora.

English  
Come Holy Ghost,  
Creator, come from  
thy bright heav'nly  
throne; come, take  
possession of our  
souls, and make  
them all thine own.

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Douglas Castro/Maintenance

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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, Patty Wiesner.

**And those who have died:**

George & Alice Weller, Thresia Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, May 14th, 2016, 5 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, May 15th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 15th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

**Rose Domaguing (+)**

Sunday, May 15th, 2016, 6 p.m.

**Margaret & Gerald Rice (+)****Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

May 8th Collection: \$3,897.00 Includes EFT

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$80.91

**LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey.** An opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work, and/or retirement possibilities. San Damiano Retreat from May 20-22.

For information go to [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) (Click on Retreats Calendar) or phone # **925-837-9141**.

**Retreat Day: Spirituality and Conscious Aging.** Come explore the benefits and joys and as well as the challenges and concerns of aging. San Damiano Retreat Center, Saturday, June 4. For information go to [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) (Click on Retreats Calendar) or phone # **925-837-9141**.

**We will continue our Bible Study** next Sunday, May 22nd, 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

**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 Eat 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](mailto:smullin@cceb.org))

**Question of the Week****For Adults:**

What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

**For Children:**

What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

**Rosary Repairs**

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

**Ministry Schedule**

May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30 pm ~ Mystagogy/RCIA

May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 am ~ First Holy Communion

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

**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****From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator**

**What is a pilgrimage?** (Part 1 of 3) Wikipedia defines it as the following: A **pilgrimage** is a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance. Typically, it is a journey to a shrine or other location of importance to a person's beliefs and faith, although sometimes it can be a metaphorical journey into someone's own beliefs. Many religions attach spiritual importance to particular places: the place of birth or death of founders or saints, or to the place of their "calling" or spiritual awakening, or of their connection (visual or verbal) with the divine, to locations where miracles were performed or witnessed, or locations where a deity is said to live or be "housed," or any site that is seen to have special spiritual powers. Such sites may be commemorated with shrines or temples that devotees are encouraged to visit for their own spiritual benefit: to be healed or have questions answered or to achieve some other spiritual benefit. A person who makes such a journey is called a pilgrim.

The Diocesan Jubilee Year of Mercy Website defines it as follows: A **pilgrimage** is a ritual journey with a hallowed purpose. Every step along the way has meaning. The pilgrims know that life-giving challenges will emerge. A **pilgrimage** is a transformational journey during which significant change takes place. New insights are given. A deeper understanding is attained. New and old places in the heart are visited. Blessings are received and healing takes place. On return from the **pilgrimage**, life is seen with different eyes. Nothing will ever be quite the same again.

**56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

**49) Offer to pray with someone, even someone you encounter on the street or public transport who looks like they could use it.**

**50) Keep holy cards, short prayers or blessed medals handy and give them out to people you meet as you are inspired as a blessing to others**

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 for the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion.**

In Christ's love, Karen