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Parish News

Pilgrimage: Our parish pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th 2016. It is following an invitation by Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that as many of us Catholics as possible make a pilgrimage during this Year of Mercy. In our diocese Bishop Barber has designated Cathedral of Christ the Light as the Pilgrimage center. During the pilgrimage we will have an opportunity to walk through the Holy Door, celebrate Holy Mass and get a guided tour of the Cathedral.

I invite all members of our parish to participate in this pilgrimage and draw spiritual benefits from it. Transportation options are available for the pilgrimage!

Father Augustine

Laudate Si :Section 57:

It is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims. War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples, risks which are magnified when one considers nuclear arms and biological weapons. "Despite the international agreements which prohibit chemical, biological and bacteriological warfare, the fact is that laboratory research continues to develop new offensive weapons altering the balance of nature." (Pope John Paul II, Message for the 1990 World Day of Peace).

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 30 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

This week we will begin sign-ups at the back of the church for our Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Mass on Saturday, June 11th. Please indicate your choice of transportation - solo driving, carpooling, or chartered bus. We need a minimum of 30 parishioners to rent a bus.

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

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity means God as three consubstantial persons or *hypostases*—the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit—as "one God in three Divine Persons". The three persons are distinct, yet are one "substance, essence or nature". In this context, a "nature" is *what* one is, while a "person" is *who* one is.

According to this central mystery of Christian faith, there is only one God in three persons: while distinct from one another in their relations of origin (as the Fourth Lateran Council declared, "it is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds") In their relations with one another, they are stated to be one in all else, co-equal, co-eternal and consubstantial, and "each is God, whole and entire." Accordingly, the whole work of creation and grace is seen as a single operation common to all three divine persons, in which each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, so that all things are "from the Father", "through the Son" and "in the Holy Spirit". For us Catholics, the Holy Trinity is invoked almost every time we pray. Most of us begin our prayer "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." It reminds us that the one God is a relationship of three persons. For us humans, too, healthy relationships are vital to healthy living.

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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 21st 2016, 5 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016, 8 a.m.

Charlie Rice

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Families of our First Communicants

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016, 6 p.m.

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

May 15th Collection: \$2,921.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$131.28

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 (Click on Retreats Calendar) or phone # [925-837-9141](tel:925-837-9141).

We will continue our Bible Study next Sunday, May 29th, 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

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

U.S. Catholic

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

In what difficult situation has the Holy Spirit helped you see more clearly?

For Children:

What kind of decision can the Holy Spirit help you with?

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

Sunday, May 29th @ 10:30 am mass: Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, June 4th @ 9:15 am mass: Faith Formation End of the Year Gathering

Sunday, June 5th @ 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

We offer special congratulations to our First Communicants: Keira, Lily, Jessica, Isaiah and Caleb. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in the faith of the church and continue in communion with us.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

In his Bull of Indiction, announcing the "Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis shares the meaning and importance of pilgrimage;(Part 2 of 3) The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.

Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives His entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon Him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, "O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me" (*Ps* 70:2)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God's mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. His help consists in helping us accept His presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by His compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.

56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

51) Offer hospitality in your home to someone or a group of people you would normally never invite over.

52) With a few other people at your church, plan a party and invite all those from "the highways and byways" to come.

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
Saturday 4 p.m.**