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After the tour we celebrated the Holy Mass and prayed for all the members of our parish. One of the pilgrims said, "It was an unforgettable experience." Another commented, "I heard so many negative comments about the Cathedral; on visiting it I can see how it is a spiritual home for the entire diocese." I want to thank the parish council and our ministry coordinator, Karen Glen, for organizing the event. It was well done and our pilgrims had a wonderful spiritual experience.

Father Augustine

**Good news!**

The *St. Augustine's Bible Study Group* meets every Sunday after 10.30 am Holy Mass and is celebrating its two years of successful completion of reflection on the Word of God. In the first year of its launching (2014-15) we did an extensive study of the Introduction of the Old and New Testaments and an in-depth study on the Gospel of Mark.

In the second year (2015-16) we are studying the Gospel of John with shared reflections. To dive deeply into the rich theological significance of the Gospel of John, we are screening a movie on June 12 on the life and ministry of Christ according to the Gospel of John (chapter by chapter).

*The Bible Study Group invites all of you to come and watch the movie and contribute to a deeper discussion on the Gospel of John, in a series beginning from June 12 for seven consecutive Sundays.*

*All are welcome!**In the Powerful Name of Jesus**Fr. Freddie Thomas***Laudate Si : 'Section 104:**

Yet it must also be recognized that nuclear energy, bio-technology, information technology, Knowledge of our DNA, and many other abilities which we have acquired, have given us tremendous power. More precisely, they have given those with the knowledge, and especially the economic resources to use them an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world... WE NEED BUT THINK OF THE NUCLEAR BOMBS DROPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY..TO SAY NOTHING OF THE DEADLY ARSENAL OF WEAPONS AVAILABLE FOR MODERN WARFARE. IT IS EXTREMELY RISKY FOR A SMALL PART OF HUMANITY TO HAVE [such power]

**Taize Prayer**

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](mailto:lilac52@gmail.com) or 415-935-1729

**Electronic Funds Transfer**

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

## Saint Augustine Catholic Church

**Father's Day:** After Anna Jarvis' successful promotion of Mother's Day in Grafton, West Virginia, the first observance of a "Father's Day" was held on July 5, 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia, in the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South, now known as Central United Methodist Church. However, the event failed to catch on.

In 1910, a Father's Day celebration was held in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Her father, the civil war veteran, William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5th, her father's birthday, the pastor did not have enough time to prepare his sermon, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. Several local clergymen accepted the idea, and, on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day, "sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city."

Several attempts were made to promote a national recognition of the holiday. However, it was not until 1966, that President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

**Parish pilgrimage:** on June 11<sup>th</sup>, we had the parish pilgrimage. About 48 members of our parish joined the pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Christ the Light. We were warmly welcomed by the Cathedral docents who led us through the Holy Door. The docents gave us a guided tour of the Cathedral and the mausoleum.

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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:**

Theresia Joseph, Kathleen Bell, Patricia Burkhalter

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, June 18th, 2016, 5 p.m.

**Al Prara (+)**

Sunday, June 19th, 2016, 8 a.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

Sunday, June 19th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

**Owen & Hugh McGonagle (+)**

Sunday, June 19th, 2016, 6 p.m.

**Charles & Edward McCormick (+)**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

June 12th Collection: \$3,008.00 Includes EFT  
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$48.03

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

Which crosses in your life do you find especially heavy? What or who helps you bear them?

**For Children:**

When you have something hard to do, what or who helps you get through it?

**Rosary Repairs**

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

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR VOLUNTEER DINNER!**

Calling all Ministry Volunteers—Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Sacristans, Lectors, Choir Members, Altar Care Servers, Collection Counters, RCIA Team, Faith Formation Catechists, CLW volunteers, St. Vincent dePaul team, Rosary team, Prayer Tree members, Welcoming team, Church Environment team, Ushers, Greeters, and Hospitality team, to make sure to mark your calendars for August 4th. At 5 p.m., we will begin the evening in the church with a prayer service and then meet up in the cafeteria for a very special Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

**Prayer Tree**

**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: July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

**The School of Applied Theology's "Summer Spirituality Series"** is taking place this June and significant scholarship assistance of 40% off tuition is being offered. Each week, distinguished presenters focus on different aspects of spirituality. Sessions are held over the course of three days with ample time for contemplation, reflection, faith sharing, and discussion. Presentations begin at 10:00am and at 3:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to take time for spiritual development and renewal. SAT is located at St. Albert's Priory 5890 Birch Ct. Oakland

Presentations: Msg. Ray East: Singing a New Church into Being: New Ecclesiologies for a New Evangelization (June 20-22). For more information please contact the SAT website [satgtu.org](http://satgtu.org). Please don't miss out on this incredible experience.

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

Oakland- RENTAL, DEPOSIT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE,

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

Steve Mullin

510 393-8640

**Save these Important Dates:**

Day of Mercy Prayer Service – Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Family Movie Night – Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

RCIA Ice Cream Social – Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

**From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator—Thank you Dads!**

Last week, as I walked to the Children's Liturgy of the Word room to let them know it was time to return to the Holy Mass, I was impressed and humbled by the realization that we had 5 men, all fathers of the children in our parish, assisting in our Children's program on this one morning. It is a blessing to have both mothers and fathers volunteer weekly to facilitate this wonderful program. Today I would like to thank the fathers in our parish, who step forward in faith and are such wonderful examples of living and sharing it with our children. In our busy lives, we often have a hard time adding one more responsibility to our days, especially our weekends. The families of our community here at St. Augustine are shining examples of what it means to be “church”. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a ministry that takes place during the 10:30 am mass (special occasions during the year, the children will remain in mass). The children leave mass with the adult teachers and spend time in the Liturgy of the Word that is age appropriate. The class includes a Gospel reading and a coordinated craft. The program is approximately 30 minutes, and then the children return to their parents for the Liturgy of the Eucharist for the duration of mass. All children between the ages of 2-12 are invited to participate. Children under the age of 4 must have a parent with them. If you would like to volunteer to participate in this program please contact me at [kglen.staugustinemc@gmail.com](mailto:kglen.staugustinemc@gmail.com) or (510) 653-8631 ext. 102. Training is available and Safe Environment Clearance is required.

**Mercy Quote of the Week** - Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversation. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again." Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.

Pope Francis— *Angelus on March 17, 2013*

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/>

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours. 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.**