

Saint Augustine Catholic Church



Happy summer days

Summer is upon us. Most people enjoy the beautiful warm, sunny, days. It is a time for us to vacation, take time off from regular routine and do something different.

“Vacation” comes from the same root word from which we get the word “vacant”, “empty”. It is meant to be a time when we can be empty, quiet, relaxed, laid back, not frantically rushing in the pursuit of new endeavors.

When one is empty, all kinds of things are possible. We can get in touch with what is really going on inside ourselves. We can tune into the things in our lives that make sense and the places in our lives where we are called to move on. We can stop avoiding, via busyness and distractions, the things that we need to give attention to. We can even hear the voice of the Lord in our heart speaking of His love and mercy, if we can get enough clashing life-noise toned down.

My prayer for you this summer is that you may find some time of emptiness, that you may find a time to be quiet with your family, to simply enjoy one another without restless activities all the time. I plan to do that for myself for at least a couple of weeks this summer.

Then we can all speak of a restful summer, a re-creation that vacation is meant to help us achieve. Then we can come back into our world of work, whatever that world holds, with renewed energy, a refreshed outlook, a greater sense of ultimate purpose, a feeling of greater wholeness.

What a blessing vacation can be!

Fr. Augustine

Spiritual Retreat:

I will be making my spiritual retreat in Santa Cruz from June 27th to July 1st. It is a wonderful opportunity for refreshing, body, mind and spirit. During the retreat I will be praying for our parish and all the parishioners. Please keep me too in your prayers.



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**Pilgrim Mass
Cathedral of Christ the Light
June 11, 2016**

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. Ruby Toro.

And those who have died:

Thresia Joseph , Kathleen Bell, Patricia Burkhalter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 25th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Ann Kolowitz (+)

Sunday, June 26th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Pauline Pestl (+)

Sunday, June 26th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Paulina Pestl (+)

Sunday, June 26th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

June 19th Collection: \$2,705.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$123.84

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 1st 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.

Good news!

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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

Question of the Week

For Adults:

When have you faltered or looked back during your journey of faith?

For Children:

What can you do to be a stronger follower of Jesus this week?

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.

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 5th @ 7 pm

Family Movie Night – Wednesday, July 20th @ 6pm

RCIA Ice Cream Social – Wednesday, July 27th @ 6:30 pm

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator – Moments of Mercy (USCCB)

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you . . . ?' . . . And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Mt 25:34-37, 40)

During this month, the Church celebrates a Jubilee for people who are ill or who have disabilities. In a special way this month then, we pray for and celebrate with people who struggle with a disability, whether visible to others or not. Because of the variety of disabilities and illnesses, we are not always aware of those who are suffering. However, we are called to show love to those who are suffering, even if we do not fully understand or know their suffering. The passage from Matthew's Gospel is a good illustration of how we are called to serve Christ by serving others, no matter the situation. The righteous ones are praised and rewarded for showing mercy and compassion to those who are suffering. The king (Christ) identifies with those who are suffering. In a special way, Christ is with those who suffer or are on the margins of society. Just as those in the story of the final judgment did not recognize Christ but still acted out of compassion for their brothers and sisters in need, so too should we act compassionately toward everyone we encounter.

Mercy Moment of the Week - Many of the spiritual works of mercy are ones that we already do in our daily lives, for example, forgiving others, comforting those who are suffering, giving advice, or praying for the living and dead. Reflect on your day today, and identify times when you have lived out these works of mercy. Did you feel God's presence working in your actions and in the lives of those involved? What are some ways that you can be more intentional about or conscious of doing these works of mercy so that you can recognize the face of Christ more clearly in those you meet?

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.