

St. Thomas' Feast Day, July 3rd

Thomas the Apostle (called **Didymus** which means "the twin") was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, according to the New Testament. He is informally called *doubting Thomas* because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told (in the Gospel of John), followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body.

Traditionally, he is said to have travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as Tamilakam and Kerala in present-day India.^{[2][5][6][7]} According to tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, Tamilakam present day India in AD 52 and baptized several people, founding what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Nasranis. After his death, the reputed relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3rd century, and later moved to various places.^[8] In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Abruzzo in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle.^[9] He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India,^{[10][11]} and the name *Thomas* remains quite popular among Saint Thomas Christians of India.

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

Laudato Si

To seek only a technical remedy to each environmental problem which comes up is to separate what is in reality interconnected and to mask the true and deepest problems of the global system.

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 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

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 recreation 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!



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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. Ruby Toro, Loretta Schmitz, Vivian Richardi

And those who have died:

Thresia Joseph , Kathleen Bell, Patricia Burkhalter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 2nd, 2016, 5 p.m.

Maria Pestl (-)

Sunday, July 3rd, 2016, 8 a.m.

Paulina Pestl (+)

Sunday, July 3rd, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, July 3rd, 2016, 6 p.m.

Pauline Pestl (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

June 26th Collection: \$3,243.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$55.08

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!!

The St. Vincent de Paul van will be here on Saturday, July 23rd from 9:30 AM until 6 PM, and on Sunday, July 24th, from 9 AM to 2 PM to collect your donations of clean and useable items. Also e-waste will be accepted. Details in the hand-out, along with bags, on the vestibule table.

Question of the Week

For Adults:

Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?

For Children:

What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?

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

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.

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

What is the opposite of indifference? After reading through Misericordiae Vultus (Bull of Indiction), we see that being compassionate is the opposite of indifference. Pope Francis encourages us not to "fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (MV, no. 15). How easy it is in today's society to ignore the cries of those in need and to become cynical about the state of the world around us. We might feel that our small acts of mercy cannot really change anything. But the indifference of the world will not change until we start showing the compassionate love and mercy of God toward everyone we meet and become more involved in our communities.

Mercy Moment of the Week – Dare to be compassionate! Read the local paper or watch the local news. Recognize where there is a need in your community, and pray for those who are in need and for those caring for them. Volunteer at a local charity organization this month. If there is a need that you have come to recognize in your community, see if there are particular organizations that your parish is involved in, and join with others in supporting your community.

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