

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is hosting a free citizenship event October 17th at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. In response to Bishop Barber's invitation to "welcome the stranger" the Cathedral will open its doors for what promises to be our largest citizenship workshop of the year. For many, becoming a US citizen is the fulfillment of a dream after a long immigrant journey. It is important that we help eligible people become US citizens and fulfill that dream. If you want to attend, please register at <http://ebnatz.org/wp/register/>. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Jason Sullivan-Halpern at jsullivanhalpern@cceb.org or complete our online application at <http://www.cceb.org/get-involved/online-volunteer-form/>. For more information contact: Christopher Martinez at [\(510\) 439-4261](tel:(510)439-4261) or cmartinez@cceb.org.

Dear friends,

In gratitude to God and all the people I have been privileged to serve, I invite you to celebrate with me, and our Community of Saint Augustine Church, Oakland, my silver jubilee of priestly ordination on:

Sunday, November 8th 2015.

10:30 AM Holy Mass
Reception and lunch follows the Holy Mass

Blessings and love,
Father Augustine Joseph

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by October 15th

Phone: 510-653-8631

Email: staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, October 11, 2015, 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

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

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Pope in America

Most of us followed the Pope as he visited the United States of America. We may have listened to his talks, commentaries and discussions about his words and reactions from friends and neighbors. I would like to add my two cents to it all!

Beware of fundamentalism and extremism: "No religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological extremism." While combating extremism it is important to uphold religious freedom, intellectual freedom and individual freedom. "We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy without, we can be tempted to feed the enemy within."

Polarization or labeling people as good or evil, righteous and sinners is a simplistic reductionism. Avoid the two-camp mentality. We are invited 'to move forward together' in a spirit of cooperation in restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, promoting the common good and building a better world.

Golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12). It means we treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development and the global abolition of the death penalty.

The "golden rule" includes care for the earth, our common home, and protection of the environment. Creation and distribution of wealth and dialogue with peoples is important for eradicating poverty and hunger in the world and for promoting the common good.

(To be continued)

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Mission Statement

We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.

Kindly keep the following parishioner in your prayers as she has been placed in **Hospice care**: Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
Bob Shobar, Florence Ottoboni, Cynthia Mitchell, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, and his mother, Rose, John Meadows, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:
Michael McGuiness, Mary Hazen, Margaret Johnson, Mabel Murphy, Gerald Miller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 10th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 11th, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, October 11th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Ray Stremel

Sunday October 11th, 2015, 6 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

October 4th, 2015: \$3,647.00 (*Includes EFT*)

SVDP Stewardship: \$128.85

Next week's second collection: Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Question of the Week

For Adults:

How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

For Children:

What favorite toy, game, video, etc. of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

Ministry Week in a Glance

Week of Oct 12th thru Oct 18th

Tues, Oct 13th: Liturgy committee @ 5pm (Parish Rectory)

Wed, Oct 14th: RCIA Class @ 6pm (Parish Rectory)

Sun, Oct 18th: Faith Formation @ 9:15 am (CLW Room)

Dates to Remember:

October 18th: Fall Rite of Welcome

October 25th - Baptism Sunday

November 1st: All Saints Day

November 2nd: All Soul's day

November 8th: Fr. Augustine's Jubilee

November 26th: Thanksgiving

November 29th: Advent Small Faith Groups: Laudato Si

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.

Calling all Crafters, Bakers, and Creative Folks!

St. Augustine Church

Annual Craft Fair is Nov. 22.

Do you knit, sew, crochet, craft, do woodwork, carve, bake, paint, draw, or make the best soaps, ornaments, wreaths, candles, baked goods, gift baskets or whatnot? Do you have friends who do?

If you have homemade goods to sell, we NEED you!

Please contact Lorrie Soria at 510-914-0847 by November 15. Table cost is \$25 or 15% of sales – Table costs benefit St. Augustine's St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day, October 15th

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery.

Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer. A holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical and graceful. A woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

Faith Formation classes have begun. Our first week was spent joyously learning about prayer. We spoke of our daily communication with God through our own words, as well as the richness of prayers provided by our church for times when we are praying together, in unity with other Christians in the World. We also spent some time learning about St. Francis whose feast day was celebrated on Sunday. We learned of his love for animals, nature and all of God's creation. We invite you to join us.....we are still praying for God's hand in sending His people to participate in this ministry. Is He calling you?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults classes are held on Wednesday @ 6pm in the Parish Rectory.

If you are interested in being involved in these important programs please email me at kglen.staugustineMC@gmail.com

Thank you for your prayers and I ask that we continue to pray for God's grace to grow in love and holiness as a parish. In Christ's love! Karen