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Christian Family: "...Family is the living symbol of the loving plan of which the Father once dreamed. To want to form a family is to resolve to be a part of God's dream, to choose to dream with Him, to want to build with Him, to join Him in this saga of building a world where no one will feel alone, unwanted or homeless."

As Christians, we appreciate the beauty of the family and of family life as the place where we come to learn the meaning and value of human relationships. We learn that "to love someone is not just a strong feeling – it is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise" (Erich Fromm, The Art of Loving). We learn to stake everything on another person, and we learn that it is worth it.

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Fr. Augustine

Please join fellow parishioners to set up the Altarcito on Thursday, October 29, at 6 p.m. Mexican dinner will be served. Families are welcome, too! Please respond to Maureen Wikander at [\(510\)847-3585](tel:510847-3585), or moweenie@gmail.com if you plan to participate so that there will be enough food.

Here is one for the Advent environment change, too:

The Art and Environment committee would like to invite all interested parishioners to help ready the church for the Advent season. We will meet on Saturday, November 28th from 10:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m. All are welcome, for any length of time that fits in your schedule. Thank you.

Blessings,
Maureen

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 2015: November 1, and December 6.

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, October 18, 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

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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!

Pope cites Four American heroes: "A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to "dream" of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton."

Focus on what is the good, beautiful and true: The Church is not primarily about fighting evil, but rather on promoting whatever is good beautiful and true in human life. It is similar to what Saint Paul says, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all". "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:17, 21) The pope's visit highlights what the Church is all about. It is not to be mired in controversies and cultural wars; it stands for virtue, goodness, beauty, truth and love. The Letter to the Hebrews says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not let all kinds of strange teachings lead you from the right way." (Hebrews 13: 8-9) "All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful leads us to God. Because God is good, God is beautiful, God is true." Pope Francis said this in Philadelphia.

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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:
Mary Flynn, Bob Shobar, Florence Ottoboni, Cynthia Mitchell, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, and his mother, Rose, John Meadows, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 17th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 18th, 2015 8 a.m.

Angel T. Sanchez Sr (+)

Sunday, October 18th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

June Melchior (-)

Sunday October 18th, 2015, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

October 11th, 2015: \$3,145.00 (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship: \$67.44

Question of the Week

For Adults:

Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?

For Children:

Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?

Ministry Week in a Glance

Sunday, October 24th @ 9:15 am – Faith Formation (PreK – 4th)

Sunday, October 24th @ 10:30 am mass – Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, October 28th @ 6 pm – RCIA in Parish Rectory

Thursday, October 29th @ 6pm – Art and Environment Set up of Altarcito

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Conference:

Accepts Donations of Non-perishable Food, Bottled Water. Leave donations in the SVdP basket in vestibule. Thank you.

WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit)

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May in St. Theresa Event Center (4850 Clarewood Dr., Oakland), meeting room 1 at 9:15am with hospitality followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15am. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. The Fall season is devoted to catechesis, exploring and enriching knowledge of Catholic tradition, often on topics of interest requested by the women. Opening day is October 7th. Our theme for the year is All Are Welcome.

For more information, or to attend as a guest, contact Courtenay Redis at courtenaymorganredis@gmail.com

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](tel:5103938640)

Dates to Remember:

October 25th - Baptism Sunday

November 1st: All Saints Day

November 2nd: All Soul's day

November 8th: Fr. Augustine's Jubilee

November 26th: Thanksgiving

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.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

Faith Formation classes are available for children ages 4 – 10. We are still in need of volunteers to help teach age specific groups: PreK & Kinder, 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to share your faith with children. This week we will be learning about the Bible.

CLW is up and running with volunteers through the month of October. If your children are benefiting or have benefited from this program in the past please consider participating to keep it going. Sign-up sheets are available on line at <http://staugustineclw.bringit.bz/public/41755a>

All children are invited to participate in our All Saints Procession at the beginning of the 10:30 am mass on Sunday, November 1st. A simple search on line can give you information regarding many saints. A simple costume reflecting the saint and the child’s knowledge of the saints’ name is all that is required. Please let me know if you would like more information or need help with planning to join this event.

Please continue to pray with me that our Parish community will grow in God’s love and holiness. In Christ’s love, Karen