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Each Mass relies on those in the pews to support each other in these various roles. We are in great need of ministers to keep our Masses alive! For two weeks some of our liturgical ministers are speaking at the Masses, describing the joys they find in their ministries and inviting you to participate. You can also check out their messages in the bulletin insert or the weekly parish email.

In your pews you will find sign-up cards. If you are not yet a liturgical minister of some kind, please consider offering the gift of service to those with whom you pray. There are many roles, and the commitment is as little as one Mass per month. You may hand a completed card to me or to any staff member. Let your "work at faith" be a gift to keep our worship alive. Thank you in advance for your gift of service!

Rebecca Pelle, MDiv
Liturgy Coordinator, St Augustine Parish

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults

How am I called to improve the system in my place of work -- making it more just, more loving, or just more effective

For Children

Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?

Church Environment

I would like to call your attention and ask for RSVP for the following dates on the Art and Environment calendar:

1. Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. Altarcito and Mexican Supper time! Come meet and greet fellow parishioners while we assemble the Altarcito.
2. Saturday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.: Change the church environment to Advent, including dismantling of the Altarcito carefully.

Please R.S.V.P. if you CAN come, and let me know if you have any food sensitivities if you are coming, because we like to have food so that everybody has something that they like.

Respond to Maureen Wikander at
[\(510\)847-3585](tel:5108473585), (text or voice), or moweenie@gmail.com.

RCIA Catechists Needed

Catechists are needed for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), the ministry that prepares adult members of our parish community to receive their sacraments (e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). A passion for living your faith and a desire to learn more about Catholic tradition are the only requirements for catechists; no prior experience is needed. The time commitment is one meeting per week from mid-November until Easter, with additional evening retreats. Please contact Jen Owens at [510.653.8631, ext. 103](tel:510.653.8631), or via email jen.owens9@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

It is That Time of Year Again:

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes in the back of the church

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A Note from Rebecca...

Our current message series and small faith group topic, *Faith at Work*, invites us to examine the holiness that can be found in our daily lives and occupations. My invitation for you this week might conversely be called "Work at Faith," as I invite you to consider contributing to the Mass not just with your valuable presence and prayer, but also with ministry.

The word Liturgy comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, meaning "work of the people." And though we often think the majority of the work done at Mass is done by the priest, it is not so. He does contribute a valuable and welcome role, but it actually all of us who do the work of worshiping our God. In this way, all of us are already "working" just by showing up at Mass.

But there is another kind of work- or ministry- that is needed. Our liturgical ministers, sacristans, lectors, ushers, environment committee, children's liturgy leaders, musicians and altar servers, keep the doors open, the church building prepared, the Mass flowing smoothly and the church clean and seasonally decorated. Without our liturgical ministers, there would be no music, no clearly proclaimed readings, no seasonal decorations, no children's liturgy of the word. There would be a very long line for communion, however.



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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 parishioners in your prayers as they have been placed in **Hospice care**: Hortense Atkins and Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Stephanie Sauder-Andrade, Marilyn La Placa, Rose Domaguing, Gail Smith, Mildred Burns, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Gloria Bautista, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard, and Hortense Atkins.

And those who have died:

Jeanne Harold Boxley, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Toby Burditt, Juanita Morris and Kristina Velarde.

Message from St. Vincent de Paul

Our annual One Warm Coat drive is underway through 12/30/14. Coats go directly to needy men, women, and children who wouldn't otherwise been able to buy a coat to stay warm this winter. There will be a box in the entry next to our regular carts for collection of these coats. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Also the following items for Thanksgiving boxes: stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, and canned milk. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 10th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, October 19th, 8 a.m.
 Sunday, October 19th, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Parishioners & Benefactors
 Sunday, October 19th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

October 12th, 2014: \$3,823 (includes EFT)
 St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$69.74

Mandatory Safe Environment Training

To all ministers and volunteers, please go online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org to complete the 3 year training course. Deadline for completion is October 29, 2014.

If you would like assistance or need to use a computer, contact Linda at (510) 653-8631 to make an appointment to use the rectory computer. To off-set the expense to the Diocese, please include an \$8 check when you turn in your certificate.

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.

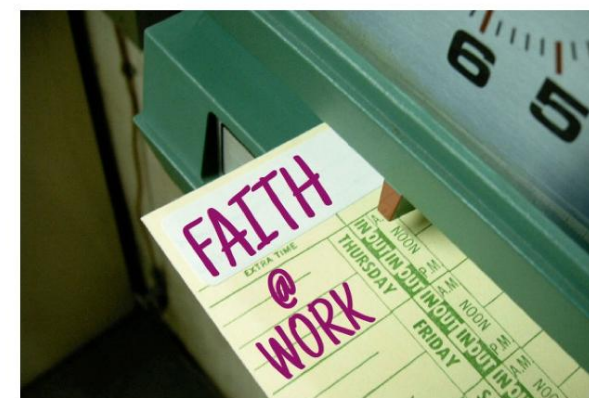
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4 p.m.

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 2014: November 2, and December 7.

Dates to Remember

October 19, First Day of Faith Formation Classes
Monday, October 20th, Baptism Prep Class, 7 p.m. in the Rectory
Sat & Sunday October 25th & 26th, Baptisms
November 9th, Rite of Welcome
November 27, Thanksgiving Liturgy



Week 4: Fixing the System

No matter how much effort and love we put into our individual work, if the system we are working within is broken and dysfunctional, we cannot do our best work. Our responsibility as Christians extends to transforming and improving systems (a.k.a. "social justice"), not just our own individual work.

The first reading this week from Isaiah recalls how God guides the pagan Cyrus the Great (founder of the Persian Empire) and his "system" to do his will. How can we put our wider systems to work for the common good and the Kingdom of God?

The spirituality of work encourages workers to try to improve situations and eliminate problems when possible.... "Sometimes I have to fight the institution in order to deliver education," Elizabeth Collins explains. "I suppose this a problem common to many occupations. I work in spite of the institution sometimes, rather than because of it."

Institutions need to be reformed for many reasons: inefficient procedures and bureaucratic paperwork, pay and benefit disparities, etc. This is not an easy task. It requires wisdom, right timing, social acumen, and good judgment. Most crucial to the reform of an institution is the cooperation among a group of like-minded workers.

From *The Spirituality of Work*
 small group guide by William Droel



Catholicism does not call us to abandon the world, but to help shape it. This does not mean leaving worldly tasks and responsibilities, but transforming them. Catholics are everywhere in this society.

We are corporate executives and migrant farm workers, senators and welfare recipients, university presidents and day care workers, tradesmen and farmers, office and factory workers, union leaders and small business

owners. Our entire community of faith must help Catholics to be instruments of God's grace and creative power in business and politics, factories and offices, in homes and schools and in all the events of daily life. Social justice and the common good are built up or torn down day by day in the countless decisions and choices we make. This vocation to pursue justice is not simply an individual task - **it is a call to work with others to humanize and shape the institutions that touch so many people.** The lay vocation for justice cannot be carried forward alone, but only as members of a community called to be the "leaven" of the Gospel.

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Short Videos

Three great videos: "Running a Business with Christian Values" tells the impressive story of Walker Mowers; "What Is Legal vs. What is Right"; "Catholic Women on Work and Faith."



More on Fixing the System

Additional quotes and questions to help you go a bit deeper.

Visit: <http://gospel.link/faithatwork4>