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In the feast of All Souls we pray for the souls of the faithful departed who are being purified in purgatory. In this we profess our belief that, just as God has not stopped loving these poor souls because of their imperfections, neither have we. For us the belief in purgatory is Good News: even though we may not in this life be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect (Matthew 5:48) we can still hold fast to the hope that there are mansions for us in the kingdom of heaven.

Father 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:5108473585), 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.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Usher, please contact the parish office at (510) 653-8631. Training is provided for all of the ministries. At this time we do not have enough liturgical ministers to fulfill our needs at every liturgy, especially Eucharistic Ministers at the 10:30 am Mass and Ushers at the 6 pm Mass.

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

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November, a Month of Remembrance

Native American tribes are known for their elaborate and colorful quilts. Often the memories of the tribes are woven into large quilts used in religious ceremonies. Native American peoples are believed to be among the best quilt makers in the world. What many people do not know is that they have an unwritten law governing the art of quilting: every quilt must have some flaw. Even when they could easily produce the perfect quilt, they go out of their way to introduce a flaw into it. Since the quilt for them is basically a representation of human life and the human condition, the symbolism is clear: no human life is perfect. In a way, the feast of All Souls which we celebrate today echoes the same message: no human life is perfect, not even the Christian life. The Good News we celebrate today is that God loves us even when we are not perfect, and that the love of God does not abandon the souls of our departed brothers and sisters in the faith even when they did not measure up to the ideals of Christian perfection.

In the feast of All Saints, we, the saints who are still struggling on earth (the Church Militant), celebrate fellowship with the saints who have already arrived in heavenly glory (the Church Triumphant). Today we celebrate our fellowship with the saints in purgatory, a state of temporary suffering for departed souls who are not yet fully ready for full fellowship with God in the glory of heaven (the Church Suffering).

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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, Theresa Allevato.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 24th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Charlie Rice (-)

Sunday, October 25th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, October 25th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Rose Domaguing (+)

Sunday October 25th, 2015, 6 p.m.

Kathy Garlicki (-)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

October 18th, 2015: \$3,394.00 (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship: \$149.62

Catholic Home Missions: \$355.00

Question of the Week

For Adults:

What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

For Children:

What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

Ministry Week in a Glance

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

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

Sunday, Nov 1st @ 9:15 am – Faith Formation (PreK – 4th)

Sunday, Nov 1st @ 10:20 am – Gather for Procession of the Saints

Sunday, Nov 1st @ 10:30 am mass – Children's Liturgy of the Word

A note from St Vincent de Paul

Many thanks to all who made our "Bundle Week-end" a great success. We were able to fill the van totally full, and received the amount for our bonus. Now we are planning our holiday giving for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will be preparing 100+ food boxes for each of these holidays. We could use your help with food donations of canned pumpkin, stuffing mix, canned milk, etc., and donations of cash to supply these and other produce items that we purchase for the holidays. Also for our regular pantry items we can always use donations of rice, beans (canned or dried), canned soup, tomatoes, fruit, tuna, and pasta. We appreciate your generosity in helping us serve the poor.

Also just to let you know, we are not able to take any donations of clothing or household goods at this time. We need all our space in the pantry for food.

Thanks

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)

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. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to share your faith with children. This week we will be learning about Our Saints and preparing for the celebration on Nov 1st.

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.

St. Augustine Memorial Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, Monday, Nov 2nd at 7 pm. This is a special celebration honoring our loved ones and all the forgotten souls who have died. Hospitality will follow.

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