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It is in keeping with the teaching of the Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate*: “The Church, therefore, exhorts . . . , that through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, carried out with prudence and love and in witness to the Christian faith and life, they recognize, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values found among them.” (DECLARATION ON THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS. NOSTRA AETATE. PROCLAIMED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI ON OCTOBER 28, 1965)

(To be continued)

Father Augustine

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 8th

Phone: 510-653-8631

Email: staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com**Catholic Voice Collection**

Our annual Catholic Voice second collection will be held this weekend.

Our 2015 assessment is \$8,880. Last year we only received \$753 in donations so please consider contributing \$20 this year so we may reduce this deficit. If you are not receiving *The Voice*, inform Linda at (510) 653-8631 and she will add you to the list. Thank you for your generosity.

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!

Francis effect, a personal experience: Quite a few times people in the street have stopped me to talk about the Pope and the Catholic Church, which is something of a novelty. I have been in this country for about eighteen years and it has not happened before! In particular, I would like to share two instances. My Optometrist spent nearly a half-hour with me discussing the Pope's visit to the United States, to the frustration of others, perhaps, waiting to meet him.

Then in a visit to the optician I had a similar experience. “First time in many years” he told me “I am proud/happy to say that I am a Catholic.” He was so enthralled by Pope Francis that he spent a long time talking about the renewal, energy and enthusiasm that he experienced in watching the Pope. God bless them all!

Inclusiveness: The Pope was addressing all people of this great nation, and ‘all people of good will.’ It transcends boundaries of race, color, creed, political affiliations, the young and elderly, interest groups or people with a particular agenda. All are called to a personal and social responsibility to humanity, not just to one's family, friends, gangs or groups.

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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:

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 3rd, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 4th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 4th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday October 4th, 2015, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 27th, 2015: \$3,820.00 (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship: \$141.53

Question of the Week

For Adults:

What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

For Children:

How do you feel when you hear the wonder stories of God's love for you?

Ministry Week in a Glance

Week of Oct 5th thru Oct 11th

Oct 6th - Liturgy Committee @ 5 pm in the Parish Rectory

Oct 7th - RCIA @ 6pm in the Parish Rectory

Oct 11th – No FF Classes due to Holiday weekend

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Dates to Remember:

October 4th, 10:30 AM Mass - Blessing of the animals.

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.

Blue Mass to Honor Police, Fire, First Responder Personnel Friday, October 9, 10:00 am The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland Fr. Helmut Richter 925-382-8186 papahelmut@yahoo.com Fr. Jayson Landeza 510-917-0125 OPDChaplain@aol.com Denise Kogler 510-271-1935 dkogler@ctlcathedral.org Oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2015 The annual Blue Mass honoring First Responders will take place at The Cathedral of Christ the Light on Friday, October 9 at 10:00 am. All Police, Fire, and other First Responders and their families are invited to attend this interfaith service of Mass, prayers and blessings. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will be the principal celebrant. The public is invited to come and support these public safety officers with prayers for their safety and thanksgiving for their service. The day will include a memorial for those who lost their lives in service in our counties during the past year. A luncheon for the honorees and their families will be served following Mass (reservation required). More details, including the luncheon reservation form and a downloadable flyer, can be found at OakDiocese.org/BlueMass2015. Diocesan priests are invited to concelebrate; details will be sent from the Office of the Bishop. For other questions please contact one of the police chaplains or Denise Kogler of Cathedral Ministries, see above.

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 have begun. Classes are divided by grade level for Pre K and Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th. If you have not registered your children in the program you can contact the parish office for more information. This Sunday we are restarting our Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the 10:30 mass. This program dismisses the children from mass at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word and they return for Liturgy of the Eucharist. This allows the children to spend time with the readings for the weekend at an age appropriate level.

The success of these programs depends on the volunteers who take the time to share their faith. Many volunteers are needed to build a strong and faithful team. We ask you to prayerfully consider your participation in this ministry.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on Wednesday, Oct 7th @ 6pm in the Parish Rectory.

If you are interested in being involved in these important programs please email me at

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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!