

Continued from Page 1

The Rosary reflects the rhythm of life, or as Indian Philosophy says, the cosmic Rita (order, arrangement.) As we are aware, there is constant repetition in nature, day and night, different seasons, recycling, etc. In humans, too, there is constant repetition; our breathing, in-take of food, habits, etc. The Rosary with its repetitive prayers connects us to the cosmic Rita which includes the entire universe and all in it. With its repetition the Rosary can restore our equilibrium and one can experience calmness, rest, relaxation and peace. It is a good experience to pray the Rosary before going to sleep for it can help one have a restful night.

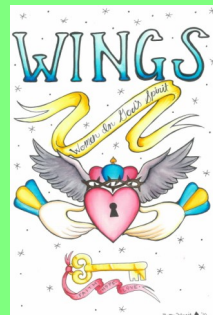
October is the month of the Rosary. I invite all members of the parish to pray the Rosary in their homes. We had a community praying of the Rosary on October 4th 2016.

[To be continued]

Fr. Augustine

Elizabeth House Celebrates it's 25th Anniversary

By offering the St. Augustine's convent at an affordable rent, our community has become part of Elizabeth House's 25 years of history! In addition to housing; support, skill building, resources and education are provided for women and their children. E House is a non-profit that depends on donations, fundraising, grants and special events for income. The 25th Anniversary is October 14, 6:30—9:30 pm at the Greek Orthodox Church on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. You are invited to join the celebration for wine, hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats and music. Tickets are \$100 and available at the website: oakehouse.org. Please consider attending or making a donation to enable these women and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.



**WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT
FALL 2016
We Are Called**

**November 2 Jerome Baggett, SJ, Professor of Religion and Society
Jesuit School of Theology Santa Clara
Modernity & Meaning: New Religious Dilemmas for American Catholics**

**November 9 Br. Mike Minton, OFM
San Damiano Retreat Center
San Damiano: A Place for All People**

**November 16 Matt Dulka, Regional Director Maryknoll
Deacon, Diocese of Oakland
East Africa and Pope Francis**

Sessions are held at St. Theresa Event Center (4850 Clarewood Dr) and begin at 9:15am with hospitality. For more information or to attend as a guest, contact Courtenay Redis at courtenaymorganredis@gmail.com

Additional dates will be included in upcoming bulletins.

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Rosary

“Obsolete, repetitive, outdated. Why repeat it so many times? Isn't it monotonous?” Probably many people, including Catholics, have similar sentiments about the Rosary. Some think it is pre-Vatican and no longer relevant or a medieval practice that has seen its day!

It is a far cry from the **Family Rosary Crusade** spear-headed by Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary priest. It is estimated that a record-breaking crowd of 550,000 people, participated in the 1961 Rosary Rally at the Polo Fields in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. It was one of the largest gatherings in the history of San Francisco.

It may be a good question, "Is Rosary for the history books?" Do people pray the Rosary? A Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) study shows that only 16 percent of parents pray the Rosary at least once a month and 7 percent at least once a week in the United States...The survey was conducted in September and October 2014 with 1,014 self-identified Catholic parents. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Yet, in other parts of the world, especially in Asia, South America and Africa, a large number of Catholics pray the Rosary daily.

Prayer is a personal decision one needs to make for one's own, as well as for the community spiritual growth. Prayer is a conversation with God or, as Saint Paul says, acknowledging the fact that, “In Him we live, move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28) The Rosary is no doubt a great help in our prayer experience.

Continued on page 4

Mission Statement

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



St. Augustine Parish Office

400 Alcatraz Ave Oakland, CA 94609
Phone: (510) 653-8631 ext 110
www.staugustineoakland.com
saintaugustinechurch@comcast.net
Emergency Cell number (510) 653-8631
ext 111

Fr. Augustine Joseph
Parochial Administrator, ext 100
pastorachurch@comcast.net

April McNeely, Music Director
(510) 504-4784
april.mcneely@gmail.com

Karen Glen, Ministry Coordinator, ext 102
kglen.staugustineMC@gmail.com

Linda Prara-Jenkins, Office Manager, ext 101
staugustinefrontdesk@gmail.com

Douglas Castro/Maintenance

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
Vivian Richardi, Jim McMurray Karen Burns, Tammy, Terry, Ganail Jenkins, Karen Miller

And those who have died:
Claudia Johnson, George Wolfe, Loretta Schmitz, Mari Kittel, John Cody.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 8th, 2016, 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 9th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Elvira Campolo (+)

Sunday, October 9th, 10:30 a.m.

Ken Cable (+)

Sunday, October 9th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

October 2nd, 2016, Collection: \$2,991.00 Includes EFT

Catholic Voice Collection: \$407.00

The Catholic Voice Collection .

There is still time to make your donation for The Catholic Voice and its other communication operations—**El Heraldo Catolico**, websites and social media—if you did not do so last weekend. **The Voice** will not be mailing reminder envelopes, so please make a check payable to your parish and drop it in the collection today. Your contribution will help the parish defray its costs for **The Voice**.

Thank you for your support.

Prayer Tree

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray “Rosary for Peace” on the 1st Sunday of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM , on following days in 2016: November 6th, and December 4th.

Taize Prayer

Quiet times of centering prayer, a brief reflection, shared petitions, framed with simple music. All are welcome!" The service will begin on Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m. and will last approximately 25 minutes. No prior experience or training is necessary in order to participate; all that is needed is a desire to meet with a small group to spend time in prayer. If you would like more information, please contact Susan Schaeffer at lilac52@gmail.com or 415-935-1729

Question of the Week

For Adults:
Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?

For Children:
When have you failed to say thank you? Why does this matter?

Rosary Repairs

Is your rosary sitting in a drawer, broken and need of repair? Contact Suzy Arnhart before or after the 10:30 am Mass, and she will gladly repair it free of charge.

Ministry Calendar:

Small Faith Group Leaders Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th @ 5pm.

RCIA, Wednesday, October 12th @ 6:15 pm in the Parish rectory

Faith Formation on Sunday, October 15th @ 9:10 am

CLW on Sunday, October 15th @ 10:30 am mass

From the desk of the Ministry Coordinator

Small Faith Groups (3 of 3) (Summary of the Bulletin: Vatican website) The Apostolic Exhortation is striking for its breadth and detail. Its 325 paragraphs are distributed over nine chapters. The seven introductory paragraphs plainly set out the complexity of a topic in urgent need of thorough study. The interventions of the Synod Fathers make up [form] a “multifaceted gem” a precious polyhedron, whose value must be preserved. But the Pope cautions that “not all discussions of doctrinal, moral or pastoral issues need to be settled by interventions of the magisterium”. Indeed, for some questions, “each country or region ... can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs. For ‘cultures are in fact quite diverse and every general principle ... needs to be inculturated, if it is to be respected and applied’”. This principle of inculturation applies to how problems are formulated and addressed and, apart from the dogmatic issues that have been well defined by the Church’s magisterium, none of this approach can be “globalised”. In his address at the end of the 2015 Synod, the Pope said very clearly: “What seems normal for a bishop on one continent, is considered strange and almost scandalous – almost! – for a bishop from another; what is considered a violation of a right in one society is an evident and inviolable rule in another; what for some is freedom of conscience is for others simply confusion”. The Pope clearly states that we need above all to avoid a sterile juxtaposition of demands for change and the general application of abstract norms. He writes: “The debates carried on in the media, in certain publications and even among the Church’s ministers, range from an immoderate desire for total change without sufficient reflection or grounding, to an attitude that would solve everything by applying general rules or deriving undue conclusions from particular theological considerations”.

As can readily be understood from a quick review of its contents, the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* seeks emphatically to affirm not the “ideal family” but the very rich and complex reality of family life. Its pages provide an open-hearted look, profoundly positive, which is nourished not with abstractions or ideal projections, but with pastoral attention to reality. The text is a close reading of family life, with spiritual insights and practical wisdom useful for every human couple or persons who want to build a family. Above all, it is patently the result of attention to what people have lived over many years. The exhortation *Amoris Laetitia: on love in the family* indeed speaks the language of experience and of hope.

Small Faith Group Planning has begun ~ If you are interested in facilitating a small group please plan on attending our leader group meeting on Tuesday, Oct 11th @ 5pm or contact Karen at the parish office for more information. Sign ups to participate in a small faith group are in the back of the church.

Family Faith Formation has begun!! The program is available for Kinder – 4th Grade. If your child is starting 1st grade they should begin classes this year to be ready for sacramental preparation when they are in 2nd grade. Faith Formation classes began on September 18th & are held from 9:10 am to 10:10 am on Sunday morning. Families can attend the 8 am or 10:30 am mass together, as classes are between the two morning masses. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church or more information please contact Karen @ (510) 653-8631 or kglen.staugustinemc@gmail.com

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.