

QUESTION OF THE WEEK**For Adults**

Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care? Who are those whom you ignore?

For Children

To which person did you especially try to show the love and care of Jesus?

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This is a strong community, called to build the Kingdom of God, right here in this neighborhood, in this part of Oakland and in this part of Berkeley. I think this community has the gift of hospitality and welcome. And as we welcome Fr. Augustine Joseph, we do so knowing that we are always in the loving presence of God.

I ask for your continued prayers, for Fr. William, for Fr. Augustine Joseph, and for our community.

Thank you

Peter

Glasses for the Philippines

Your old glasses can change a life! St. Augustine's is collecting reading and prescription glasses for the Holy Rosary International Medical Missions (HRIMM) as it prepares to serve the medical needs of the poor in the Philippines. The HRIMM is affiliated with Holy Rosary Parish in Antioch. The glasses will be distributed by the medical team this upcoming January when it visits Panay and Sablayan. More information on the mission can be found at <http://www.hrimm.org/>. Please take this opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ by placing reading and prescription glasses in the red bin in the vestibule at church. Questions? Call Peter Hayes on 925-323-0463.

GIVING TREE - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - The giving tree will be up on November 30th with ornaments bearing names and ages of St. Vincent de Paul and Elizabeth House families. Take an ornament and return an unwrapped gift to mass Dec. 13th or 14th to provide a gift for families who are undergoing difficult times.

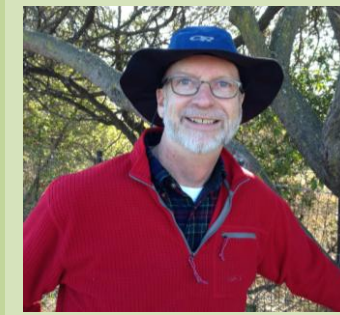


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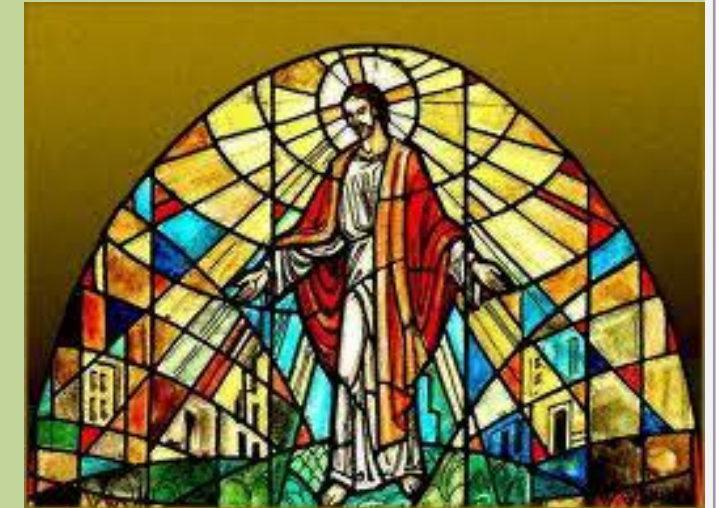
My name is Peter Hayes and I'm a member of the St. Augustine Pastoral Council.

St. Augustine Church has been here on Alcatraz Avenue a long time. And the St. Augustine community has benefited from the leadership of many wise women and men in that time. Many of those guides have been priests on one side of the altar and many have been, and are, the women and men of the community on the other side of the altar. And behind it all is the loving hand of God.

One of my favorite scripture passages is from the first letter of John. "See what love the Father has for us that we may be called the children of God! And that is what we are!" I feel that this reading is very appropriate for the St. Augustine community. We are, first and foremost, the children of God. Deeply loved by God – as individuals and as a community.

Two years ago, when Fr. William arrived, I don't think any of us knew quite what to expect, but in these two years William has been a loving pastoral leader who has boldly proclaimed the love of God in a way that has touched our lives and energized our community. We have been so fortunate. And now the community of St. John Vianney is so fortunate as William brings his message of "Yes" to Walnut Creek. I am now excited to meet Fr. Augustine Joseph, our new pastoral administrator. This is the next part in the story of our community, the story of God's love for our community.

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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.



Marilyn with Irene, Bob, Maureen and Suzy

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Stephanie Sauder-Andrade, Sylvia Lope, Rose Domaguang, Gail Smith, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard.

And those who have died:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 22nd, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, November 23rd, 2014 8 a.m.

Gerald Jacob (+)

Sunday, November 23rd, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Jimmy Jacob (+)

Sunday, November 23rd, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Geneva Reese (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

November 16th, 2014: \$4,908 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$201.15

Please Note Date Change in Weekly prayer service

Please come and join us every Tuesday morning at St. Augustine's, combining elements of Taizé music, contemplative prayer, and liturgy of the hours. The service will begin 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](tel:415-935-1729)

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, November 23, 2014 after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Rectory dining room. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus.

Fr. Freddie Thomas

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.

Advent Wreath-Making Party

Celebrate the Advent Season with your family and make an Advent Wreath for your home with fresh evergreens.

Sunday, November 30, 2014, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Cafeteria

All wreaths will be blessed at 10:30 AM Mass. Advent Wreath prayer materials will be provided. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per wreath to offset material costs. **Please RSVP to Jenny Girard Malley, jennysacc@gmail.com by November 24.**

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: December 7.

Dates to Remember

- November 27th, Thanksgiving Liturgy 10 AM**
- December 8th, Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:30 AM & 7 PM.**
- December 12th, Guadalupe Mass 7 PM**
- December 15th Reconciliation Service 7 PM**
- December 24th, Family Mass 5 PM**

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.

St. Augustine's Advent Events, 2014

The First Sunday of Advent



Advent begins the weekend of Nov 29th-30th

Bring your advent wreaths from home (or the Advent-Wreath-Making Party) to be blessed for use this season.

Join us after each mass for Fr. William's Farewell reception.

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays in Advent @ 6:30 PM

Join us for quiet prayer and song in this season of simplicity.



Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th
Meet us in the church.

CELEBRATE OUR MARIAN FEASTS!



Guadalupe

Join us in honoring the Patroness of the Americas with mass, music and festive treats!

Friday, December 12th at 7 PM in the Church

Immaculate Conception

Join us for this Holy Day of Obligation (Opportunity)!

Monday, December 8th
Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM in the Church.

Advent Reconciliation Service



Monday, December 15th at 7 PM in the Church

Unless otherwise noted, please contact the parish office for more information or questions.