

QUESTION OF THE WEEK**For Adults**

How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

For Children

What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

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As I thank you and take leave of you, it is my ardent hope and desire that you will welcome and accept the new Parochial Administrator, Rev. Augustine Joseph, as you welcomed me. Join hands with him and our lay pastoral leadership in bringing Christ to our neighborhood.

Lastly please know this... each of you has touched and changed my heart. I want to especially express my heartfelt gratitude to the Staff, past and present, the Pastoral and Finance councils who have so closely walked this journey with me and who stood by me in both struggle and success. May God continue to bless you and lead you!

Prayers, wishes and blessings!

Rev. William Rosario

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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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's with humble gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I take leave of this spirit-filled community after two happy years with you. These two years have gone by so quickly for me. While here I have been touched and inspired by your love and affection. I felt accepted for who I was, something that assisted me in ways more than one. I came to be a ministerial presence in your midst, to be with you and for you. And now, at the end of my time here, I'd like you to know that in ministering to you, I was ministered to and lifted up by this community.

It didn't take me long to realize that meeting people where they were, welcoming them and accepting them regardless of their situation in life was the hallmark of St. Augustine's. Whether single or widowed, divorced or remarried, in an ecumenical or interfaith marriage, this community welcomes persons and families for who they are, gathering and sharing your love of God. I learned quickly all are welcome at St. Augustine's. We lived 'we are one body', respecting and honoring each other even in our differences. It didn't matter if one was gay or straight, an immigrant or newcomer, fully able or disabled, healthy or sick, old or younger, - all were welcome. It didn't matter whether one was struggling with one's faith or firm in commitment, this community had an open door and an open heart that offered to share the grace of Christ that fills our Church.

I've come to see St. Augustine's as a place "where faith inspires life and life inspires faith". During these two years, we made a sincere attempt to make the Weekend Experience the single most important focal point of parish life that would prepare us to live well our life Monday through Saturday. The many "message series" that we planned and celebrated together served this purpose.

It's my firm conviction that St. Augustine's - steeped as she is in the history of the Diocese and interwoven in the life of many a priest and deacon who were ordained here, has much to offer to the present day believer and seeker alike. Because of her proximity to Oakland and Berkeley, she has a unique personality of her own thereby with much offer the people of our time.

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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:

Alice Atkinson, Rose Knapp, Stephanie Sauder-Andrade, Sylvia Lope, Rose Domaguino, 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 29th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 30th, 2014 8 a.m.

Jerome Jacob (+)

Sunday, November 30th, 10:30 a.m.

Warren Arnhart (-)

Sunday, November 30th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

November 16th, 2014: \$3,617 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$65.81



**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR IS**

Dec. 6-7

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, November 30, 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

Wednesday, December 3rd, Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 7, Arts & Crafts Fair

Monday, December 8th, Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:30 AM & 7 PM.

Wednesday, December 10th, Evening Prayer

Friday, December 12th, Guadalupe Mass 7 PM

Monday, December 15th Reconciliation Service 7 PM

Wednesday, December 17th Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 24th, Family Mass 5 PM

Wednesday, December 24th, Midnight Mass, 11:30 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. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Augustine's Advent Events, 2014

Christmas Family Mass Rehearsal

Join us one December 6th at 9:15am in the CLW Room to sign up for your role in the Christmas Eve Family Mass!



Singers, actors, readers, greeters, ushers, and children of all ages are needed!

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.