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What impressed me most was the faith of the pilgrims themselves. Everyone seemed to get on well with everyone else. There was a unity of purpose that gave cohesion and harmony to the group. Members participated devoutly in prayers, Holy Masses and other spiritual exercises. Many in the group experienced spiritual renewal as the ancient faith came alive in those holy places. Those monuments, grottoes and holy places eloquently witness to the "faith of our fathers and mothers." They invite us, challenge us, and even compel us to step out of ourselves and experience the presence of God.

Our faith so Ancient, yet so new, lives in the hearts of each human person. Pilgrimage is a journey of discovery, a discovery of oneself, of others and, ultimately, of God. Although it is true that God is not only found in the ancient monuments or cathedrals, they are awe-inspiring and a testimony to human efforts to transcend and touch the divine.

Kudos to The Catholic voice and Unitours Inc for their great organization and planning of the pilgrimage. It was a smooth sail with excellent weather and far few inconveniences.

Concluded

Father Augustine Joseph

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

Looking for a way to become more centered? Have a mind freer for prayer? Move from your head to your heart? Have a more balanced, flexible body?

When: November 10 - Dec. 1, 2015 7:00-8:00PM, Presented by Sister Celeste Crine

Where: St Augustine Church, Alcatraz Ave, Oakland

We are in the process of forming our Pastoral Council. If anyone feels the call to join, please contact the Parish office at (510) 653-8631. If you wish, you may also nominate someone that you feel would like to share their talents with our Parish Community.

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Marian Pilgrimage

Part Two

In Paris, we celebrated Holy Mass at the miraculous medal Shrine of St. Catherine Laboure, visited the shrine of Saint Vincent De Paul and toured the historical sites of the French capital. A visit to Sacre Coeur (Church of the Sacred Heart) kind of concluded the pilgrimage.

Hundreds and thousands of people visit Sacre Coeur. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, there is a perpetual adoration with Blessed Sacrament exposed on the main altar of the Church. Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has continued uninterrupted in the Basilica since 1885. It was refreshing to spend a short time in adoration as our pilgrimage was winding down.

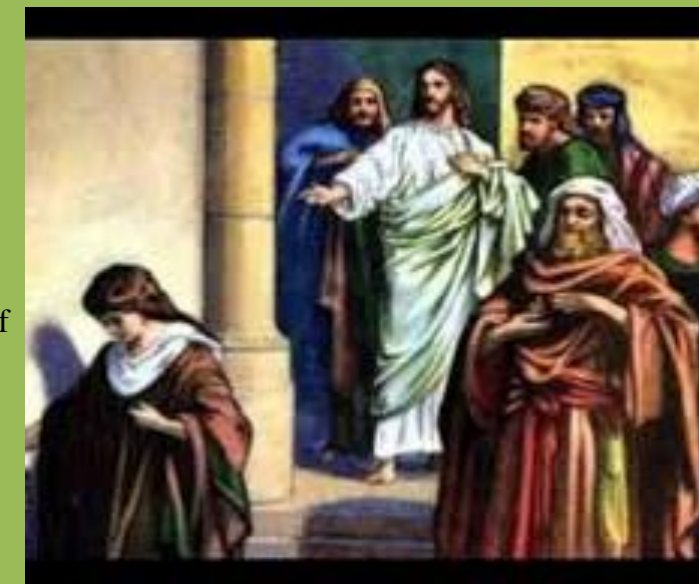
It appears to be more than a coincidence that our Marian Pilgrimage officially began with the miracle of the Holy Eucharist (Santarem) and concluded with the adoration of the Holy Eucharist (Sacre Coeur). As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Eucharist is the source and summit of our ecclesial life" (CCC 1327). "In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist, in turn, confirms our way of thinking."

Mary was leading us to Jesus. Holy Eucharist and Mary are the two pillars of our faith. If a Christian is anchored to these two pillars it is difficult to go wrong; it is possible to weather the storms of life and be still standing.

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Mission Statement

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



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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Bob Shobar, Florence Ottoboni, Cynthia Mitchell, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, John Meadows, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato.

And those who have died:

Marilyn La Placa, Mary Flynn, Rose Thomas, Michael McGuiness, Mary Hazen, Margaret Johnson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 7th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Fr. Eugene F. Duggan (+)

Sunday, November 8th, 2015 8 a.m.

Umberto Grillo (+)

Sunday, November 8th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Friends, Family & Parishioners

Sunday November 8th, 2015, 6 p.m.

Owen McGonagle (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

November 1st, 2015: \$3,775.00 (Includes EFT)
SVDP Stewardship: \$ 138.28

It's November with a special crispness in the air and time to think about the holiday season approaching. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it and we are planning to prepare special food boxes for 100+ families. We will be preparing these boxes on Friday Nov. 20 and distributing them on Saturday Nov. 21. We will be working on that Friday from 4:00 pm until we hope to finish by 7:00 pm and could use your help. Also help on Saturday to help distribute the boxes would be appreciated. We also are asking for donations of canned milk, pumpkin, stuffing mix, and money to cover the cost of fresh produce we include. Thanks in advance for your help.

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

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship for you?

For Children:

What would you be willing to give up for someone else?

Ministry Week in a Glance

Wednesday, Nov 11th @ 6pm - RCIA

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

Sunday, Nov 15th @ 10:30 am mass – Children's Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, Nov 21st @ 10 am mass - Encounter with Jesus

Want to Bring Christmas Joy to Others this Year?

Join Catholic Charities of the East Bay's Adopt-a-Family program this year. We provide gifts for hundreds of people in need, most of whom are children, and a third of whom are refugees. Contact Jason Sullivan-Halpern at [510-768-3166](tel:510-768-3166) or jsullivanhalpern@cceb.org.

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.

Often we think that we need to search for Jesus..... The good news is that He waits for us. On Saturday, November 21st at 10 am, we will be hosting an Encounter with Jesus, sponsored by the Confraternity of Eucharistic Devotion of the Diocese of Oakland in partnership with St. Augustine Parish. In preparation of the Year of Mercy join us for a mass celebrated by Fr. Brandon Macadeag, from Holy Spirit in Fremont followed by a presentation on the devotion of Eucharistic Adoration. More information is available in the Parish bulletin. A simple soup lunch will follow in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers are still needed for our Faith Formation and Childrens Liturgy of the Word programs. Please contact me for more information.

Visit our new facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>

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