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Christians, on pilgrimage toward the heavenly city, should seek and think of those things which are above. This duty in no way decreases, rather it increases, the importance of their obligation to work with all men in the building of a more human world.

Vatican II, [Constitution on the Church in the Modern World](#), 1965: 57

Gerald Darring

A quote from Laudato Si, Section 158

"In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters."

We will continue our Bible Study next Sunday, February 28th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafeteria. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

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](tel:415-935-1729)

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 2015: March 6th, April 3th, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

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IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!
Application Forms are in the back of the church

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Heavenly Vision; More Human World

While we were still without hope, God took us out of our emptiness and brought us into a new land, making with us a covenant of liberation.

But we remain "set upon the things of this world," burdened with "the original darkness that shadows our vision." Today's liturgy is about restoring our sight so that we can "see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living."

The disciples saw "the bounty of the Lord" on the mountaintop. They witnessed the dazzling glory of Jesus shining in the company of Moses and Elijah, the glory of the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Abraham had also stood in the presence of the Lord, and he had been overwhelmed by a terrifying darkness pierced by the bright light of a smoking brazier and a flaming torch.

The road from Abraham's encounter with God to the disciples' encounter with God was a long one.

Lent is an acting out of the long road from the covenant to its fulfillment. It is our public proclamation that we are a people who "eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

We recognize that "we have our citizenship in heaven," but in the meantime we exercise our citizenship on earth for the coming of the kingdom of God.

We purge ourselves of our Self-reliance, our thirst for power, and our preoccupation with self-interest, sacrificing and praying that God might "deliver Israel from all her distress."

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Mission Statement

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

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Bob Shobar, Gloria Bautista, Virginia Nelson, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato.

And those who have died:

Theresa Joseph, Rose Thomas, Frankie Levine, Katie Johanni, Catherine Gerrick.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 20th, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Clair Reich (-)

Sunday, February 21st, 2016, 8 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, February 21st, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Margaret & Harold Springer (+)

Sunday February 21st 2016, 2016, 6 p.m.

Antonio Custodio (-)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

February 14th Collection: \$3,882.00 Includes EFT

St. Vincent dePaul stewardship: \$159.36

End of Year Statements

End of year tax statements are now available for registered parishioners. Please call Linda in the Rectory office at (510) 653-8631 if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Cathedral of Christ the Light Jubilee Year of Mercy Major Events:**Early 2016**

Pilgrimages to the Cathedral of Christ the Light
For parishes, groups and individuals begin

March 4-5, 2016

“24 Hours for the Lord”

The Cathedral of Christ the Light and Deaneries/Parishes

November 20, 2016: 10 a.m.

Mass - Conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy

The Cathedral of Christ the Light - Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., Celebrant

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

For Children:

When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, **Evening Prayer** at 6:15 pm

Friday, February 26th, March 11th, and 18th, **Stations of the Cross** at 12:10 pm and February 26th and March 18 at 7 pm

Tuesday, March 1st, **Day of Mercy Service**, Contemplative Prayer with Sister Celeste at 7 pm.

Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, Feb 23rd, @ 6:15 pm – Evening Prayer

Friday, Feb 26th @ 12:10 pm – Stations of the Cross

Friday, Feb 26th @ 6 pm – Simple Soup Supper (Donations to Benefit Operation Rice Bowl)

Friday, Feb 26th @ 7 pm – Mercy through the Stations of the Cross

Sunday, Feb 28th @ 9:15 am – Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb 28th @ 9:15 – Sacramental

Preparation for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Sunday, Feb 28th @ 10:30 am - CLW

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.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator:

During the recent workshops for our new and continuing EMHC's (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) the participants asked me to share the following information with all parishioners and guests who come forward to receive Communion. This is the second of three parts:

PART 3: The Eucharist—Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

1324 The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.”¹³⁶ “The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.”¹³⁷ **(864)** **1325** “The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God’s action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.”¹³⁸ **(775)** **1326** Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.¹³⁹ **(1090)** **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.”¹⁴⁰ **(1124)**

Visit the Diocese Jubilee of Mercy website @ <http://www.jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

25 Put down the phone and really listen to someone else. With eye contact

26 Have alternative drinks, other than water, for times when those who have been struggling with alcohol come to visit.

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