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Around the diocese there has been a pretty good response. Some parishes have reached their goal and beyond.

In our parish currently about 31 persons/families have participated in the campaign. Once again I thank every one of them for stepping up to this challenge. It is important to be a cheerful giver and not give grudgingly. If anyone else would like to participate, it is not too late. You are welcome to join.

Our Parish Goal: \$259,794.23; Funds Raised: \$93,554.00; Remaining to Raise: \$166,240.23

% of goal raised: 36.01%

Ministry coordinator

We have a committee that is interviewing potential candidates for this position. Kindly pray that we find a faith-filled person to take up this important role in our parish ministry.

Fr. Augustine

Come Celebrate our St. Augustine Feast day

Please join us on Sunday, August 30 for Champagne and Cupcakes. A cupcake signup sheet is in the back of the church for anyone who would like to bring cupcakes.



Upcoming Environment Change

Please join the Environment Group to dress us the church for our patron, Saint Augustine's fest day on Saturday, August 29th, 10:30 am to 2 pm. Contact Maureen Wikander at (510) 847-3585 for questions.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Usher, please contact the parish office at (510) 653-8631. Training is provided for all of the ministries. At this time we do not have enough liturgical ministers to fulfill our needs at every liturgy, especially Eucharistic Ministers at the 10:30 am Mass and Ushers at the 6 pm Mass.

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IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!

Application Forms are in the back of the church

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Feast of the Assumption, August 15.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven, informally known as the Assumption, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* by exercising papal infallibility.

It is a feast of hope, as it anticipates what would happen to each of us at the end of our earthly sojourn. In other words, it confirms that we are heirs to eternal life and, as Saint Paul tells us, "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12.

Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together

I wish to thank all the parishioners who have participated in the Diocesan Capital Campaign. There were some parishioners who felt that they would not be part of the campaign, no matter what; however, others joined in. Putting aside differences and coming together for a common cause takes courage and good will.

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Mission Statement

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

Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together

We would like to update you on the progress of our Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together campaign. Fr. Augustine would like to thank you for your support and your generosity.

Campaign pledge cards are in the back of the church for any parishioner who would like to participate.

Parish Goal Summary

Fundraising Summary

Parish Goal: \$259,794.23
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25 Pledges:	\$78,560	16 Outright:	\$14,994
Avg. Pledge	\$3,142	Avg. Outright:	\$937
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Total Actual Receipts:	\$26,317		
Average Gift:	\$2,399		

Kindly keep the following parishioner in your prayers as she has been placed in **Hospice care**: Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Kelly Jones, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, John Meadows, Jen Owens, Mary Hazen, David Toda, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:

Mabel Murphy, Gerald Miller, Rose Domaguino, Mary Pavao, and Sunny Gustafson.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 15th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Margaret McCormick (+)

Sunday, August 16th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, August 16th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Janis Porter (+)

Sunday, August 16th 2015, 6 p.m.

Sylvia Helenihi (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 9th, 2015: \$3,807.00 (Includes EFT)

Coop Mission Sunday: \$994.00

SVDP Stewardship \$65.13

Question of the Week

For Adults:

How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

For Children:

How often do you think about heaven?
 Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

St. Vincent dePaul Fifth Sunday, August 29 & 30

This month has been back to school for our conference. We prepared 60 back packs with the supplies included, for the children of those who come to us for food, and for the children of Elizabeth House, and for the St Vincent "Women and Children's" Drop in Center."

Help for covering these extra expenses as well as our regular funds, for food, and help for utilities and rent.

We thank you for your generous donations that have helped us in our work. It is so very much appreciated.

Good News!!

Father Thomas Bonacci, C.P. will return to St. Augustine Church on September 21, 2015, at 7:00 pm. On this "International Day of Peace", Father Tom will prepare us for the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy, which begins on December 8, 2015.

Please Save the Date

Dates to Remember:

August 30th: Feast of St. Augustine

September 5th & 6th: Anointing of the sick at all Masses

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray the "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on the following days: September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

Because we have shared in the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ over the years, I invite you to celebrate with me, and the Community of St. Joan of Arc, my retirement from full-time ministry on:

Saturday, August 22, 2015
 5:30 pm Mass
 St. Joan of Arc Church
 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
 San Ramon, CA 94583
 Reception follows Mass

Blessings and love,
 Fr. Ray Zielezienski

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.**

"Immigration Initiative: Helping Our Neighbor"

Catholic Charities of the East Bay provides immigration relief to thousands of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Want to learn how you can help? Join us for our next Immigration Workshop on August 17th at 7:00 pm at The Cathedral of Light, 2121 Harrison St, Oakland, Parish Hall. As part of a Diocesan Wide Education initiative supported by Bishop Barber, we can work together for comprehensive immigration reform that respects national borders and the rights of families to stay together. Pope Francis calls on us to "be the Church in the streets" - we urge you to join us.

For more information contact: Stephen Mullin at [\(510\) 768-3165](tel:5107683165) or smullin@cceb.org .

St. Patrick's Seminary & University 2015 Gala Raffle

Lexus is250 Value \$38,000 or \$25,000
 \$50 per ticket - Drawing to be held September 19, 2015. Winner need not be present to win. Must be 18 or older to enter.

Automobile offer made possible in conjunction with Putnam Lexus of Redwood City.

Tax and License of automobile not included.

To purchase tickets, contact Linda in the rectory office, or call (510) 653-8631.



a Eucharistic Minister.



Mabel Murphy, a long time parishioner passed away on July 31, 2015. She was very active in the parish as she served as

Congratulations to Courtenay Redis and Douglas Seefer for the August 1, Baptism of their son, **Luke**.

Congratulations to Julie and Anthony

Venuto for the July 26, Baptism of their son, **Benjamin**.