

**OUR 2015 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL**

The Propagation of the faith office of our arch/diocese has invited the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. Accordingly, **Rev. Mount Joseph Selvan Durairaj** will be speaking to us during all the Masses on the weekend **Aug. 8/9**. This diocese has an area of 7823 sq km. and is situated in Tamil Nadu, South India with a Catholic population of 2,13,000 which is just 6 % of the total population. It is served by 182 diocesan and 45 religious priests, 501 nuns and 17 trained lay catechists. The Kumbakonam diocese celebrated the centenary of its inception in 1999 by setting certain concrete and meaningful goals for a New Evangelization in the III millennium, like:-

- 1) Construction of 20 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. At present, there are 89 parishes and 641 missions-stations. Many of these are so large that they have to be made independent parishes with a resident priest. But the people are quite unable to support the church, for such pressing pastoral projects.
- 2) Construction of convents for those parishes which do not have one. Most of the diocesan schools are entrusted to nuns. Now there are 501 nuns in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, thus educating the children in the Catholic faith and helping the people, particularly the poor, for their integral development.
- 3) Since education in a main means of evangelizations here, the diocese has to provide buildings and infra-structure to our schools in remote villages while the government would pay our teachers.
- 4) Recruiting more young men in the seminary, since the rural diocese abounds in vocations to priesthood and religious life and sending a few as missionaries to where they are most needed.
- 5) Education of 2000 very poor or orphan children from remote villages every year by providing them with free board & lodge. **The diocese is trying to materialize these missionary goals, depending on the availability of funds. Every year, an average of 50 young men and women go out of this diocese to other missions throughout India and other parts of the world to serve God and His people as missionaries. The mission and spiritual prospects of Kumbakonam diocese are bright but its needs are pressing. 60% of its Catholics are depressingly poor. Therefore, your fervent prayers and generous help are earnestly requested for building the KINGDOM of GOD, in and through the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, INDIA.**

**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.

**EFT****IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!**

Application Forms are in the back of the church

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**Missionary Church**

Jesus is the missionary sent by the Father to proclaim the kingdom of heaven from all eternity. He was born in a lowly place, supposedly, the son of a Carpenter. For most people Jesus was a 'common kid around the block'. According to the Gospels his public ministry began at about the age of thirty.

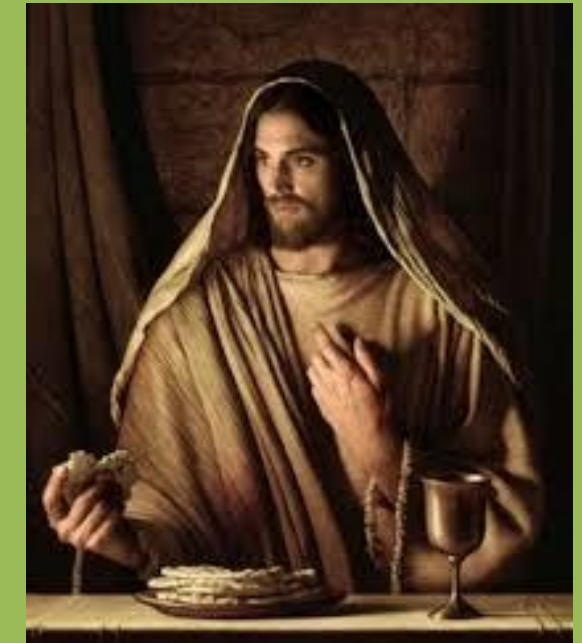
Jesus was primarily a teacher (Rabbi) who preached repentance (change of heart) and the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus' missionary work took him from Galilee to Jerusalem and the surrounding region. He taught, preached, healed, and forgave during his earthly ministry. He was compassionate, kind and a very welcoming person.

During Jesus' ministry there were people who did not like him. They did things to make his life miserable. Finally, they were able to nail him to a Cross after much torture. He died a common criminal's death on a Cross. His enemies thought that was the end of it all. They were proven wrong; Jesus is risen. It was the beginning of it all - 'our Christian Faith.'

Missionaries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are not very different. They preach and teach, heal and forgive and bring God's compassion and kindness to the people. They, too, experience rejection, opposition and hardship. If the Master had to endure it all, it cannot be very different for the disciple!

The weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Rev. Mount Joseph Selvan Durairaj S.J. who is now serving the diocese of Honolulu will be at our parish for Mission Appeal. Let us assist the missions with our prayers and with our resources.

Fr. Augustine

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**Mission Statement**

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

**SPRED****Consider Helping in a New Ministry**

Consider becoming an adult volunteer catechist to those with Special Needs in a small group setting. SPRED (SPecial Religious Education Department) Provides ongoing faith formation for children, teens or adults with developmental disabilities. For information call 510-635-7252 or email [info@spredoakdiocese.org](mailto:info@spredoakdiocese.org).

Website: [www.spredoakdiocese.org](http://www.spredoakdiocese.org)

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., Patty Wiesner.

**And those who have died:**

*Gerald Miller, Rose Domaguino, Mary Pavao, and Sunny Gustafson.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**James MacWilliams (-)**

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, 6 p.m.

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**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015: \$ 5,502.00(Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship \$163.09

**Dates to Remember:**

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Parish 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month Potluck

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on the following days: August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

**Question of the Week****For Adults:**

When has your faith help you believe without "seeing signs" from God.

**For Children:**

Who helps you believe in things you cannot see.

**Please join us**

Parishioner Bob Irwin will be doing a presentation on Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment, *Laudato Si*, on Sunday, August 16, after the 10:30 am Mass in the cafeteria. All are Welcome!

**First Sunday of the Month Potluck**

Our next potluck dinner to meet and greet fellow (especially new) parishioners is scheduled for after the 6 PM mass, August 2, 2015, in the cafeteria. For more info or advice on what dish to bring, call Susan Schaffer at 704.996.1729 or 415.935.1729.

**Ministry Coordinator**

**Saint Augustine Parish, Oakland, seeks a Ministry Coordinator.** It is a full-time paid position with benefits. Candidate must have strong spiritual leadership skills; excellent interpersonal, management, communications, public speaking, and presentation and writing skills as well as ability to multi-task. Candidate must be able to organize and implement events and have flexibility in work hours. It requires weekend work. A more detailed job description can be obtained from the parish.

The position is classified M-2 or M-3 depending on the qualifications of the individual and is open until filled. Please send your cover letter, application and resume to Pastor, Saint Augustine Parish, 400 Alcatraz Ave, Oakland 94609 or email to: [pastorachurch@comcast.net](mailto:pastorachurch@comcast.net). Application form is found at the following website: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/human-resources/employment/personnel-policies-for-chanceries-and-parishes/AppendixD15%20Application.pdf>

A Letter From Fr. Don MacKinnon

Dear Fr. Augustine,

Thanks again for the opportunity to pray with the folks at St. Augustine's. Our new Redemptorist approach to the icon of Mary of Perpetual Help has proven to be a great help to those who begin by gazing just two minutes a day. In some, you can almost see the sacramental way of life open up for them. My own personal testimony is that it's blessed me in ways I didn't dream of. Of course, concelebrating with Msgr. Cardelli was the cap to the whole visit.

Much thanks also for your check. As you can imagine, it will help a great deal. I'm sure that our Rector, Fr. Tony, will gladly consider ways we might help you in the future.

To fine things ahead,  
Don

**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.

**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**

**(In the Daily Mass & Reconciliation Chapel)**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Communion Service**

**(In the Daily Mass & Reconciliation Chapel)**

**Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**(In the Daily Mass & Reconciliation Chapel)**

**Saturday 4 p.m.**