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As a result, hearing loops turn hearing aids into personal loud speakers that pick up signals generated by the induction loop. And since the hearing aid's microphone is turned off, the magnetic signal is the only sound being heard (not the background noise). This creates a crisper and clearer signal for the user.

All the best with better hearing. If you have questions please call the parish office at (510) 653-8631.

Fr. Augustine

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.

Website: www.spredoakdiocese.org

Catholic Charities of the East Bay wants to be of assistance. [Oakland- RENTAL, DEPOSIT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE.](#)

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Steve Mullin

[510 393-8640](tel:5103938640)**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.

EFT**IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!**

Application Forms are in the back of the church

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

400 Alcatraz Avenue, Oakland, California

www.staugustineoakland.com

Office phone number (510) 653-8631

Hearing aid technology at Saint Augustine

Saint Augustine offers T loop technology to assist with hearing. In order to use this technology (to pick up the magnetic signal) your hearing aids must be equipped with a telecoil. Hearing aid users should always purchase phones that are hearing aid compatible as these will automatically transmit not only an acoustic signal but a magnetic signal as well.

What it is?

A telecoil or T loop is a specialized circuit that is placed within hearing aids and consists of a small coil of wire. Although small, this wire is mighty. It is designed to pick up magnetic signals versus acoustic signals picked up by the hearing aid microphone.

When a telecoil is activated the hearing aid's normal microphone is turned off and the telecoil only picks up magnetic inputs. The hearing aid then converts the magnetic signal to sound which is then amplified by the hearing aid just as any other sound is. The benefit is no other sounds in the environment are amplified, thus the hearing aid user can focus only on the amplification of magnetic inputs.

Induction (hearing) loop technology delivers sound directly to hearing aids that are equipped with telecoils. The induction loops broadcast the desired signal (sound) as a magnetic signal to the room the loop is present in and the telecoil serves as the hearing aid's antennae – picking up the magnetic signal.

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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
 Funds Raised: \$93,554.00
 Remaining to Raise: \$166,240.23
 % of goal raised: 36.01%

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

And those who have died:
Mabel Murphy, Gerald Miller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 22nd, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, August 23rd, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, August 23rd, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Sylvia Helenihi (+)

Sunday, August 23rd 2015, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 16th, 2015: \$3,294.00 (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship \$160.62

Question of the Week

For Adults:

In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and the church

For Children:

What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?

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.

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

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.**

An ongoing workshop presented by
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services Grief Ministries
 The Pain of losing a loved one can be devastating.
 Come and meet with others in a safe and compassionate environment who are experiencing the Pain of loss. You do not need to grieve alone.

**Saturdays
August 29, September 19, October 24
11 am to 1 pm**

Coopers Funeral Center
 1580 Fruitvale Ave
 Oakland CA 94601

Grief Ministry Workshop Facilitated by Rev. Padraig Green
 Parish Relationship Director - Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services
 For Information call (510) 533-4114



a Eucharistic Minister.



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**.

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.