

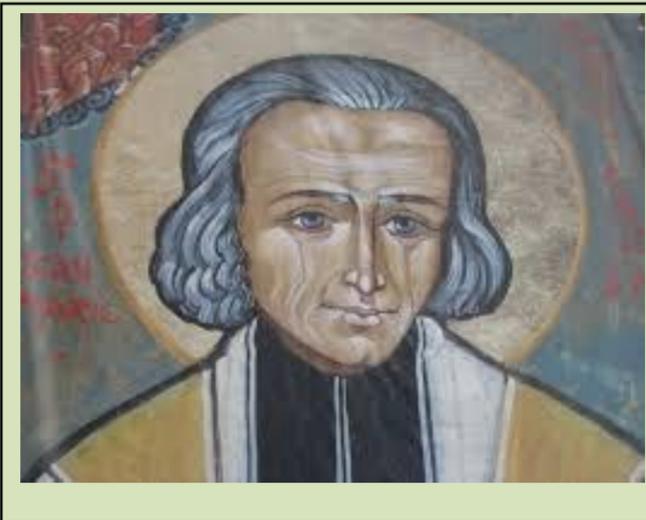
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Vianney's studies were interrupted in 1809 when he was drafted into Napoleon's armies. As he missed the draft he was considered a deserter. An imperial decree, proclaimed in March 1810, granted amnesty to all deserters, which enabled Vianney to go back legally to Ecully, where he resumed his studies. Considered a poor student, the authorities were reluctant to ordain him a priest. However, Balley persuaded the Vicars General that Vianney's piety was great enough to compensate for his ignorance, and he was ordained a priest on 12 August 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble.

John-Marie Vianney was appointed as parish priest of the parish of Ars, a town of 230 inhabitants. As parish priest, Vianney realized that the Revolution's aftermath had resulted in religious ignorance and indifference, due to the devastation wrought on the Catholic Church in France. At the time, Sundays in rural areas were spent working in the fields, or dancing and drinking in taverns. Through pastoral ministry, the sacrament of reconciliation and preaching, Vianney revived people's faith.

Ministry coordinator: We have some applicants for the job. In the coming days we hope to complete the interview and selection process. Kindly pray that we find a faith-filled person who loves to minister to the people of God in our parish.

Father Augustine



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

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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www.staugustineoakland.com

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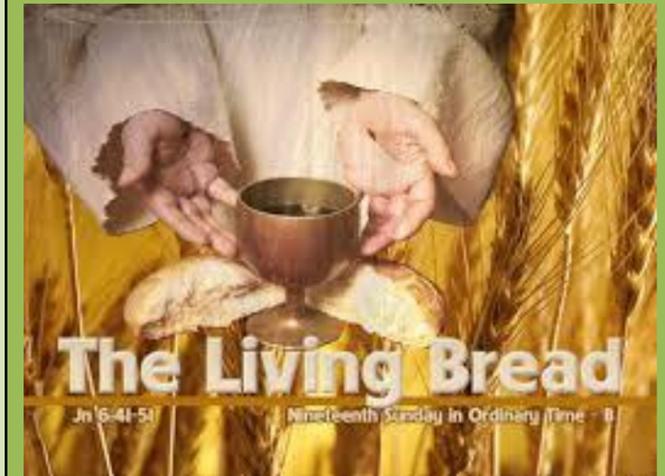
Saint John Marie Vianney:

Vianney was born on 8 May 1786, in the French town of Dardilly, and was baptized the same day. His feast day is celebrated on August 4.

By 1790, the French Revolution forced many loyal priests to hide from the government in order to carry out the sacraments in their parish. In order to attend Mass, even though it was illegal, the Vianneys travelled to distant farms where they could pray in secret. Since the priests risked their lives day by day, Vianney began to look upon priests as heroes. His First Communion lessons were carried out in a public home by three priests. He made his First Communion at the age of 13. During the Mass, the windows were covered so that the light of the candles could not be seen from the outside. The secrecy of his Catholic practices continued, especially during his preparation for confirmation.

The Catholic Church was re-established in France in 1802, resulting in religious peace throughout the country. By this time, Vianney was concerned about his future vocation and longed for an education. He was 20 when his father allowed him to leave the farm to be taught at a "presbytery-school" in the neighboring village of Écully, conducted by the Abbé Balley. The school taught arithmetic, history, geography and Latin. Vianney struggled with school, especially with Latin, since his past education had been interrupted by the French Revolution. Only because of Vianney's deepest desire to be a priest—and Balley's patience—did he persevere.

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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.

Website: 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.

And those who have died:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 8th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, August 9th, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, August 9th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Rawn Harbor (-)

Sunday, August 9th 2015, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 2nd, 2015: \$ 3,778.00 (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship \$124.11

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.

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

For Children:

What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

Please join us

Parishioner Dr. Bob Irwin and Fr. Augustine 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!

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

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.

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>

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.

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

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.