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Cross is an Invitation: The Cross is an enduring sign for the suffering humanity; we are invited to be sensitive to the plight of the immigrants, refugees, poor, sick, addicts and people in trouble. What do I do to alleviate suffering in the world?

Sign of victory: Cross is a sign or symbol pointing to the resurrection of Jesus. All is not lost. With all the sufferings, failures, sins and defeats life does not end. The final victory is ours. Like Christ we, too, shall rise to eternity to live with God forever!

Father Augustine

The St Vincent de Paul vans will be here at St Augustine the week end of Sept 26th and 27th. We will be accepting gently used items including household items, men's women's, and children's clothing, furniture, and electronics. Also we could use some volunteer help in loading the vans. We will be accepting donations from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday. Any time from 1 to several hours would be very helpful. September is "Invitation to Serve" for new members of St Vincent de Paul nationally. A time to learn more about the work of St Vincent.

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)

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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The Cross and the Christian

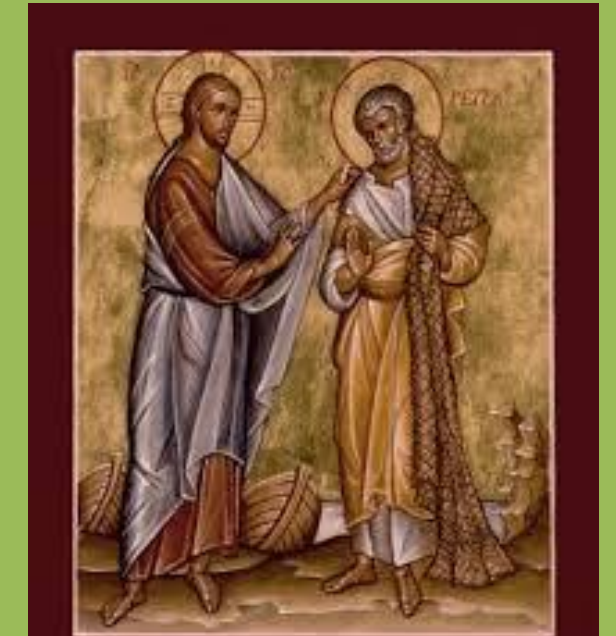
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (now Venerable) is famously said to have stated, 'America wants Christ without the Cross and Russia wants the Cross without Christ.' Although we place crosses in our homes and church we tend to forget about the importance of a cross in our lives.

We celebrate the **Feast of the Exultation of the Cross** on September 14th. What does this feast mean for me personally? Is it just a celebration of some historic event? Does it touch me today?

Cross Purifies: 'Gold is tested by fire'. When one is faced with a cross it can purify and help one to reevaluate goals and priorities. John was the CEO of a hedge fund, successful, ambitious and adventurous. Life seemed meaningful, enjoyable and endless until diagnosed with an untreatable disease affecting the nervous system. Faced with unexpected life choices, John began to sit back and think about life, its purpose and meaning. For the first time in years he noticed the crucifix his mother had hung on the wall quite against his wishes, because he thought it spoiled the aesthetic beauty of his home.

Cross is a Plus sign: It is a sign of hope. It links the limited with the unlimited, finite with the infinite, and human with the divine. It reminds us that we are adopted children of God through our baptism.

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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 - Update as of 09/08/2015

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

Parish Goal: \$259,794.23
Funds Raised: \$95,954.00
Remaining to Raise: \$163,840.23
% of goal raised: 36.93%

Fundraising Summary

26 Pledges:	\$80,960.00	16 Outright:	\$14,994
Avg. Pledge	\$3,113.85	Avg. Outright:	\$937
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Total Actual Receipts:	\$27,378.74		
Average Gift:	\$2,460.36		

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:

Margaret Johnson, Mabel Murphy, Gerald Miller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 12th 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 13th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 13th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Jerry Johnson (-)

Sunday, September 13th 2015, 6 p.m.

Rose Thomas (-)**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

September 6th, 2015: \$3,822 (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship: 87.87

Priest's Retirement Fund: \$522

Sunday Potluck

Date Change: Our September potluck will be held this Sunday, September 13, in the church cafeteria following the 6 pm Mass to welcome new folks to the parish. Dishes can be brought to the rectory in the 15 minutes before Mass starts. Bring a friend!

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

Why should faith always lead to good works?

For Children:

What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

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

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:

September 26th & 27th: SVDP Bundle Sunday

October 4th, 10:30 AM Mass - Blessing of the animals.

October 18th: Fall Rite of Welcome

October 25th - Baptism Sunday

November 1st: All Saints Day

November 2nd: All Soul's day

November 8th: Fr. Augustine's Jubilee

November 26th: Thanksgiving

November 29th: Advent Small Faith Groups: Laudato Si

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)

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received at St. Augustine this week. The parish certainly lives up to its reputation for hospitality. I am very excited to be here at St. Augustine's and hope that you will all continue to share the positive aspects of your community.

There are a few dates to remember coming soon:

Faith Formation Catechist Meeting on Thursday, September 24th @ 6pm in the CLW classroom
Classes will start of Sunday, September 27th in the cafeteria

RCIA Inquiry Meeting on Tuesday, September 29th @ 6 pm in the Parish Library

CLW Teacher Meeting on Thursday, Oct 1st @ 6 pm in the CLW classroom

If you are interested in being involved in these important programs please email me at kglen.staugustineMC@gmail.com

Thank you for your prayers and I ask that we continue to pray for God's grace to grow in love and holiness as a parish. In Christ's love!

Karen

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.

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: October 4, November 1, and December 6.