

Blue Mass to Honor Police, Fire, First Responder Personnel Friday, October 9, 10:00 am The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland Fr. Helmut Richter 925-382-8186 papahelmut@yahoo.com Fr. Jayson Landeza 510-917-0125 OPDChaplain@aol.com Denise Kogler 510-271-1935 dkogler@ctlcathedral.org Oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2015 The annual Blue Mass honoring First Responders will take place at The Cathedral of Christ the Light on Friday, October 9 at 10:00 am. All Police, Fire, and other First Responders and their families are invited to attend this interfaith service of Mass, prayers and blessings. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will be the principal celebrant. The public is invited to come and support these public safety officers with prayers for their safety and thanksgiving for their service. The day will include a memorial for those who lost their lives in service in our counties during the past year. A luncheon for the honorees and their families will be served following Mass (reservation required). More details, including the luncheon reservation form and a downloadable flyer, can be found at OakDiocese.org/BlueMass2015. Diocesan priests are invited to concelebrate; details will be sent from the Office of the Bishop. For other questions please contact one of the police chaplains or Denise Kogler of Cathedral Ministries, see above.

Dear friends,

In gratitude to God and all the people I have been privileged to serve, I invite you to celebrate with me, and our Community of Saint Augustine Church, Oakland, my silver jubilee of priestly ordination on:

Sunday, November 8th 2015.

10:30 AM Holy Mass

Reception and lunch follows the Holy Mass

Blessings and love,

Father Augustine Joseph

If you plan to attend please RSVP by October 8th

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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.

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 Application Forms are in the back of the church

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Pope's visit to the United States

Pope Francis will be visiting the USA from Sept. 22nd to 27th, and plans to stop in Washington, D.C., New York City and Philadelphia. His attendance at the World Meeting of Families is of great significance. In our thoughts and prayers we can join Pope Francis, along with hundreds of thousands of people from around the globe, in Philadelphia for the 8th World Meeting of Families.

World meeting of families (WMOF):

Love is our mission: The family fully alive is the theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015, emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. The World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families.

The theme was inspired by the words of the early Church Father, St. Irenaeus, who said that "the glory of God is man fully alive." In like manner, the glory of men and women is their capacity to love as God loves. Rarely can that love be lived out more intimately and fruitfully than in the family.

Family is the nursery or kindergarten where we learn to pray, love, forgive, serve and sacrifice for the good of others. It is the building block of our society. A healthy family, a healthy society.

Catholic families have a key role in God's healing of a broken world. So let's pray for each other that the World Meeting of Families 2015 will become for each of us and for the whole world, a new birth of the Church in each of our hearts ... for our own salvation, the salvation of our families and the redemption of the world.

Please pray for the success of the Papal visit to our country.

Father Augustine

Welcome Pope Francis



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Mission Statement

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

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, and his mother, Rose Thomas, John Meadows, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:

Mary Hazen, Margaret Johnson, Mabel Murphy, Gerald Miller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 19th 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Chester Kolowitz (+)

Sunday, September 20th, 2015 8 a.m.

Helen Prara(+)

Sunday, September 20th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Mary Ellen King (-)

Sunday, September 20th 2015, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 13th, 2015:\$3,029 \$ (Includes EFT)

SVDP Stewardship:\$135.30

Peter's Pence: \$595.00

Question of the Week

For Adults:

What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus teaching on power and ambition?

For Children

Why is it wrong to feel envy for what belongs to another?

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

International Day of Peace, September 21st, 2015

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. This year's theme is "**Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All**" to highlight the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace. The Intern'l Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the U. N. General Assembly. The first Peace Day was observed in September 1982 and in 2001, they unanimously adopted [resolution 55/282](#), which established 21 September as an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire. **The United Nations invites all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities during the Day, and to otherwise commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.** (<http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/2015/poster>)

The Peace Pole Project - founded in 1975 in Japan by Masahisa Go author of the Universal Message and Prayer '**May Peace Prevail On Earth**' and founder of The World Peace Prayer Society. A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and peace prayer in different languages on each of its four or six sides. A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes for peace for the entire human family. Masahisa Go began the movement of establishing peace poles around the world - now tens of thousands in countries all over the world! As monuments to peace they serve as constant reminders for peoples to visualize and pray for world peace. When you plant a Peace Pole in your community you are linking with people all over the world who have planted them in the same spirit of peace. St. Augustine's joined the Peace Pole movement in 2012 by erecting a peace pole in the garden in front of the rectory. Also, remaining mindful of this important prayer intention, St. Augustine members pray the Rosary for Peace on the first Sunday of each month. All are invited to participate.

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

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 p.m.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy

"BE MERCIFUL AS I AM MERCIFUL."

In preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Father Thomas Bonacci, C.P., Director of the Interfaith Peace Project, will explore with us the biblical roots of mercy. What is Pope Francis telling us about living as people reflecting God's mercy?

The evening program will consider the Jubilee Year in the context of Pope Francis's teachings in "Joy of the Gospel," the Address in Bolivia (July 2015), and the encyclical, "Laudato Si."

Mercy is the key, opening the door to the heart of God; the dignity of all peoples recognizes the respect and love God has for all creatures; and, finally, we recognize this mercy of God in our relationships with one another and all creation.

Father Tom's presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. on September 21 at St. Augustine Church.



From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

Thank you all for helping me settle into my role here at St. Augustine's. As I gear up for our Faith Formation Program and Children's Liturgy of the Word, I find that we are in need of some additional catechists to help make our program great. If you love the Lord and enjoy children this may be a calling for you. I encourage you to prayerfully consider this ministry. Though often it falls to parents to fill these roles, it is not limited to them. Consider how joyful it would be to spend an hour each Sunday with us. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 24th in the CLW room. Please email me at kglen.staugustineMC@gmail.com for more information.

We are called to serve the sick and homebound. Do you have a little free time during the week that you may be able to visit a homebound parishioner? Join us in this important and prayer filled ministry. For more information call Karen at (510)653-8631 Ext. 102.

I will be away from the office from September 16th and return on September 24th. I will be available by email during this time so if you have any questions or concerns feel free to send me a note.