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Yet, our religion tells us what to do with our pain. It teaches us how to work through the absurdities, the tragedies, the nonsensical and the unjust realities that we come across in our day-to-day life. If only we realize that these wounds are the way through, then we will transform them into sacred wounds and we will have become wounded-healers.

The Scriptures tell us that those who look to the Cross will live. What does it mean? What could it mean? How does looking upon the Cross heal us and make us whole? What does the Cross teach us?

When we find pain and evil in ourselves and in our world, we search for scapegoats and sacrificial lambs to project them on to them. Someone else is compelled to carry our burden; someone else is hurt for our iniquities. Yet, Christ did not resort to violence when He was made the rejected victim (scapegoat) and the innocent victim (lamb of sacrifice), thereby breaking the circle of violence. If only we knew how to sit with our pain and hold it in our hearts, we'll learn the art of transforming them. And the world will be a better place!

On this Day of Peace, let us resolve to become messengers of peace!

Prayers, Wishes and Blessings!

Rev. William Rosario

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel?
How has God been generous to you in this way?

For Children:

Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it

Weekly prayer service

Please come and join us every Friday morning at St. Augustine's, combining elements of Taizé music, contemplative prayer, and liturgy of the hours. The service will begin 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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

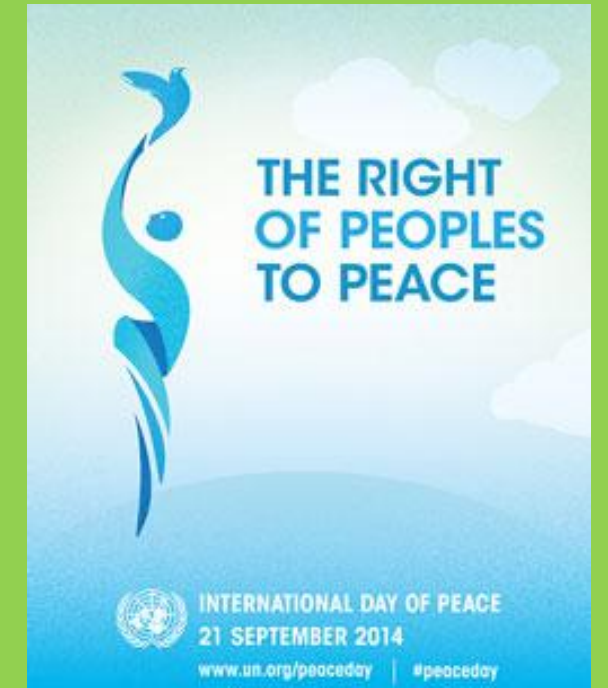
Violence does not solve any problem; rather, violence itself is the problem. Today, as we celebrate the International Day of Peace, with the United Nations calling for a global ceasefire, asking all combatants to put down their arms so all can breathe the air of peace, we're faced with the hard reality of untold grief that armed conflicts have caused to families, communities and entire countries. Too many lives are lost and numerous people live in fear and uncertainty, due to the hatred spread by warmongers and terrorists.

Together with all people of good will, we condemn the violence that we find in so many parts of the world. We pray that common sense may prevail and that nations that are engaged in combat may realize the futility of their violent ways. Let us hope that there may come the day when wars will be fought only at the negotiation table.

Gandhi said: "We need to become the change that we want to see in the world. If there's no peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our neighborhood, then how could we expect to see it in the world?"

On this day, when we pray for Peace, I would like to invite you to consider this: If you and I do not transform our pain, there is every possibility that we transmit it. This is the hard truth of life, the basic storyline of every relationship, of every family and of nations, too. If we do not transform our pain, we transmit it to someone else. . And the cycle of violence goes on...!

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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 parishioners in your prayers as they have been placed in **Hospice care**: Hortense Atkins and Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Sylvia Lope, Pat Nolan, Marilyn La Placa, Rose Domaguing, Gail Smith, Mildred Burns, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Gloria Bautista, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard, and Hortense Atkins.

And those who have died:

Kay Irwin, Toby Burditt, Juanita Morris, and Kristina Velarde.



Our condolences to Bob Irwin and his son Frank Irwin for the passing of **+Kay Irwin** on Thursday, September 18.

Her funeral is scheduled at St. Augustine's on Monday, September 29th at 11 AM.

Condolences also go out to Amy Burditt and her two sons for the passing of her husband and the children's father, **+ Toby Burditt**.

Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 20th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Helen Prara (+)

Sunday, September 21st, 8 a.m.

Maureen Wikander (-)

Sunday, September 21st, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Mary Ellen King (-)

Sunday, September 21st, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 14th, 2014: \$3923 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$169.99

Peter's Pence: \$332

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.

Please join members of the Prayer Tree

To pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2014: October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, October 5, Blessing of the Animals
October 19, First Day of Faith Formation Classes
Monday, October 20th, Baptism Prep Class, 7 p.m. in the Rectory
Sat & Sunday October 25th & 26th, Baptisms
November 9th, Rite of Welcome
November 27, Thanksgiving Liturgy



***Family Faith Formation* will begin in October!**

For our Children

We will be hosting faith formation classes for school-aged children on most Sundays from 9:00-10:15am

Sacramental Preparation,
1st Communion
and
1st Reconciliation,
will be offered
starting January 2015

For our Parents

While the children are in class, we offer an accompanying faith exploration program for parents that has been very successful!

Come meet other parents for support,
prayer and friendship



Registration materials are now available in the Rectory and in the back of the church. Please contact Jenny Girard Malley, Faith Formation Coordinator, with any questions or to receive a digital registration form.
jennysacc@gmail.com

Message Series Survey Results

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out the recent Message Series survey and give your feedback. We have compiled the results and posted them on the parish website. Please visit StAugustineOakland.com to read the full report.

St. Vincent de Paul would like to give thanks for your wonderful support of our 5th Sunday contributions.

We continue to grow in our help for those in need. Also as the leaves begin to turn the thoughts of the holidays come to mind, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are on our agenda.

We could very much use special canned goods for the holidays: mushroom soup, chicken broth, cranberries, canned yams, canned milk and canned pumpkin. If you could include one or more of these items when you are shopping for food and bring them to our carts at church, they would be much appreciated. Thank you.

"Thanks Cliff and Patty for sharing with us the fruit of your labor!
Get well soon Patty!"



Safe Environment Training

To all ministers and volunteers, please go online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org to complete the 3 year training course. Deadline for completion is October 29, 2014.

If you would like assistance or need to use a computer, contact Linda at (510) 653-8631 to make an appointment to use the rectory computer.

Church Environment

I would like to call your attention and ask for RSVP for the following dates on the Art and Environment calendar Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. Altarcito and Mexican Supper time! Come meet and greet fellow parishioners while we assemble the Altarcito. Respond to Maureen Wikander at [\(510\)847-3585](http://(510)847-3585), (text or voice), or moweenie@gmail.com.