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God pardons what is past, then, but for the future we are each responsible for ourselves. By repenting we condemn our past misdeeds and beg forgiveness of the Father, the only one who can in his mercy undo what has been done, and wipe away our past sins with the dew of his Spirit.

And so, if you are a thief and desire to be forgiven, steal no more. If you are a robber, return your gains with interest. If you have been a false witness, practice speaking the truth. If you are a perjurer, stop taking oaths. You must also curb all the other evil passions: anger, lust, grief, and fear.

No doubt you will be unable all at once to root out passions habitually given way to, but this can be achieved by God's power, human prayers, the help of your brothers and sisters, sincere repentance, and constant practice.

(Homily on the Salvation of the Rich 39-40: PG 9,644-645)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

For Children:

Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

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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Commentary by Clement of Alexandria

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

The doors are open for all who sincerely and wholeheartedly return to God; indeed, the Father is most willing to welcome back a truly repentant son or daughter. The result of true repentance, however, is that you do not fall into the same faults again, but utterly uproot from your souls the sins for which you consider yourself worthy of death.

When these have been destroyed God will again dwell within you, since Scripture says that for the Father and his angels in heaven the festal joy and gladness at the return of one repentant sinner is great beyond compare. That is why the Lord cried out: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice.

I desire not the death of a sinner but his conversion. Even if your sins are like crimson wool I will make them as white as snow; even if they are blacker than night I will wash them as white as wool.

Although only God has power to forgive sins and cancel transgressions, the Lord commands us also to forgive our repentant brothers and sisters every day.

So if we who are evil know how to give good gifts, how much more generous must be the Father of mercies, the good Father of all consolation, who is full of compassion and mercy, and whose nature it is to be patient and await our conversion!

Genuine conversion, however, means ceasing to sin without any backward glances.

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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 Domaguina, 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, Timothy Michael Solovieff, 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 27th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 28th, 8 a.m.

Sunday, September 28th, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 28th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 21st, 2014: \$3,967 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$64.60

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

Catholic Voice Collection

Our annual Catholic Voice second collection will be held on October 4th & 5th.

Our 2014 assessment is \$8,772. Last year we only received \$820 in donations so please consider contributing \$20 this year so we may reduce this deficit. If you are not receiving The Voice, inform Linda at (510) 653-8631 and she will add you to the list. Thank you for your generosity.

***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

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. To off-set the expense to the Diocese, please include an \$8 check when you turn in your certificate.

Church Environment

I would like to call your attention and ask for RSVP for the following dates on the Art and Environment calendar:

1. Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. Altarcito and Mexican Supper time! Come meet and greet fellow parishioners while we assemble the Altarcito.
2. Saturday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.: Change the church environment to Advent, including dismantling of the Altarcito carefully.

Please R.S.V.P. if you CAN come, and let me know if you have any food sensitivities if you are coming, because we like to have food so that everybody has something that they like.

Respond to Maureen Wikander at

[\(510\)847-3585](tel:5108473585), (text or voice), or moweenie@gmail.com.

RCIA Catechists Needed

Catechists are needed for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), the ministry that prepares adult members of our parish community to receive their sacraments (e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). A passion for living your faith and a desire to learn more about Catholic tradition are the only requirements for catechists; no prior experience is needed. The time commitment is one meeting per week from mid-November until Easter, with additional evening retreats. Please contact Jen Owens at [510.653.8631, ext. 103](tel:510.653.8631), or via email [<jen.owens9@gmail.com>](mailto:jen.owens9@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.