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New Sound system

We thank God for the new sound system installed in the parish. Many parishioners have expressed their satisfaction with it. I like to thank John Belanger and Doug Castro who helped with the work.

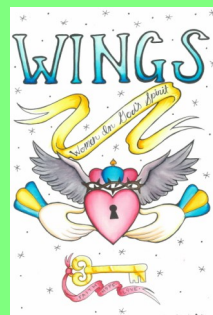
Priest's convocation

Priests of the diocese of Oakland will be at a convocation in Pacific Grove, CA from October 3- 7th 2016. The theme for the convocation is "renewing our parishes for Mission." Please pray for the success of the convocation.

Father Augustine

Elizabeth House Celebrates it's 25th Anniversary

By offering the St. Augustine's convent at an affordable rent, our community has become part of Elizabeth House's 25 years of history! In addition to housing; support, skill building, resources and education are provided for women and their children. E House is a non-profit that depends on donations, fundraising, grants and special events for income. The 25th Anniversary is October 14, 6:30—9:30 pm at the Greek Orthodox Church on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. You are invited to join the celebration for wine, hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats and music. Tickets are \$100 and available at the website: oakehouse.org. Please consider attending or making a donation to enable these women and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.



**WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT
FALL 2016
We Are Called**

- October 12 Welcome Ceremony & Orientation to Our Theme
Margaret Kennedy & Jeanne Lovi
- October 19 Jean Molesky-Poz, Lecturer
Religious Studies Dept. JST Santa Clara
The Call Within Women's Relatedness
- October 26 Luke Hansen, SJ, Former Associate Editor at *America*
Student at JST Berkeley
Exploring the Possibility of Women Deacons in the Church

Sessions are held at St. Theresa Event Center (4850 Clarewood Dr) and begin at 9:15am with hospitality. For more information or to attend as a guest, contact Courtenay Redis at courtenaymorganredis@gmail.com

Additional dates will be included in upcoming bulletins.

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Parish News

Mercy in Action

The Year of Mercy has been a time of grace for the parish. We have had talks on the topic, prayer services and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, banners etc. to help us appreciate the importance of mercy. As Saint Paul said, 'We are what we are by the grace [mercy] of God.' 1 Cor.15:10.

While prayer and spiritual practices personally help us in our growth in holiness, we need to do something that manifests it in our actions towards our neighbor. We have heard it said, 'action speaks louder than words.' In this Year of Mercy we want to do something charitable as a community. The parish council came up with the idea of reaching out to the Catholic schools in our neighborhood. They have selected Saint Martin de Porres School and Elizabeth House as places that can use some help. We are providing shoes to the children in both establishments.

Francis of Assisi said, 'it is in giving that you receive.' As a community we want to give, or rather share, what we have with others who can use our help. The children at these institutions certainly can use the shoes that we give. Most of them are from families that would benefit from such help. I invite everyone to participate in this project generously.

Parish council

Our parish council has very dedicated members. Currently they are working hard to redesign the parish bulletin and the parish website. We hope to make it more reader-friendly. I want to thank the president, Michael Marino, and the members for working together to make it all possible.

We have openings in parish council membership. If any members of our parish wish to be on the council please contact the parish office or Father Augustine.

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Mission Statement

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

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
Vivian Richardi, Jim McMurray Karen Burns, Tammy, Terry, Ganail Jenkins

And those who have died:
Claudia Johnson, George Wolfe, Loretta Schmitz, Mari Kittel, John Cody.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 1st, 2016, 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 2nd, 2016, 8 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, October 2nd, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 2nd, 2016, 6 p.m.

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 25th, 2016, Collection: \$3,697.00 Includes EFT

Votive Candle donations: \$14.00

Question of the Week

For Adults:

When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others?

For Children:

When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

Rosary Repairs

Is your rosary sitting in a drawer, broken and need of repair? Contact Suzy Arnhart before or after the 10:30 am Mass, and she will gladly repair it free of charge.

The Catholic Voice Collection Scheduled For this Sunday, October 2nd, 2016.

Today is **Catholic Voice** Sunday. This second collection is the annual request to support the only regular source of Catholic news and information in the Diocese. A \$25 donation pays your share. Please make your check payable to the parish; it will help defray the parish cost of \$9,420.00. You can receive **The Voice** by mail; pick up **El Herald Catolico** at Spanish-lauguage Masses or visit www.catholicvoiceoakland.org or www.elheraldocatolico.org or see us on Facebook. If you are not receiving **The Voice**, inform the parish office and we will add you to the list.

Thank you for your support.

Prayer Tree

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray “Rosary for Peace” on the 1st Sunday of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2016: October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th.

Taize Prayer

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

Ministry Calendar:

Day of Mercy/The Rosary ~ October 4th @ 7pm

RCIA @ 6:15 pm in the Parish rectory

No Faith Formation on Sunday, October 9th

St. Teresa of Calcutta Exhibit @ Cathedral of Christ the Light October 2—9, 10:00AM—5:00P

**From the desk of the Ministry Coordinator
Small Faith Groups (2 of 3)**

Small community groups within a church of any size are important for growing your relationship with God. God has called us to push, challenge, and encourage each other in matters of life and faith and small groups are a great way to live that out. Acts 2:42 says, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching ...” Of course, we know the teaching of the apostles is what we call the New Testament today. Small groups were crucial to the growth of the church then and it is now as well.

Small community groups are composed of people who are all unique and different, therefore each small group is both unique and different. However there are a few things common to the groups: a commitment to studying God’s Word, being a safe place to ask difficult questions and challenging each other in matters of faith. Groups usually meet once a week in homes, businesses, restaurants, or at the church. The groups change and begin again twice a year, so you have the opportunity to try out different groups throughout the year.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” Small groups are a great way for people to encourage one another to make the right choices and follow in God’s path. Jesus calls us to be committed to one another, and it is through community groups that we learn the skills of relationship. Small groups are laboratories of love, where we learn to obey the command of Jesus to love your neighbor as you love yourself. (Eddie Woods, City Point Church)

[Small Faith Group Planning has begun ~ If you are interested in facilitating a small group please plan on attending our leader group meeting on Tuesday, Oct 11th @ 5pm or contact Karen at the parish office for more information. Sign ups to participate in a small faith group are in the back of the church.](#)

Family Faith Formation has begun!! The program is available for Kinder – 4th Grade. If your child is starting 1st grade they should begin classes this year to be ready for sacramental preparation when they are in 2nd grade. Faith Formation classes began on September 18th & are held from 9:10 am to 10:10 am on Sunday morning. Families can attend the 8 am or 10:30 am mass together, as classes are between the two morning masses. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church or more information please contact Karen @ (510) 653-8631 or kglen.staugustinemc@gmail.com

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.**