

### The History of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Blessed Frederic Ozanam(1813 - 1853)** was founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic was a husband and father, professor and servant of the poor. He founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a young student with others of the Sorbonne in Paris. Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, is considered a mentor of Frederic and of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as she taught the first members the art of helping the poor and the sick. Frederic's writings on social justice anticipated the first social encyclical of our modern times, Rerum Novarum.

**St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)** was founder of the Congregation of the Mission, Daughters of Charity, Confraternities of Charity, and Ladies of Charity. A man of deep faith, keen intellect, and enormous creativity, he has become known as the "The Apostle of Charity" and "Father of the Poor." His contributions to the training of priests and organizing parish missions and other services for the poor shaped our Church's role in the modern world.

#### Good news!

The *St. Augustine's Bible Study Group* meets every Sunday after 10.30 am Holy Mass and is celebrating its two years of successful completion of reflection on the Word of God. In the first year of its launching (2014-15) we did an extensive study of the Introduction of the Old and New Testaments and an in-depth study on the Gospel of Mark.

In the second year (2015-16) we are studying the Gospel of John with shared reflections. To dive deeply into the rich theological significance of the Gospel of John, we are screening a movie on June 12 on the life and ministry of Christ according to the Gospel of John (chapter by chapter).

*The Bible Study Group invites all of you to come and watch the movie and contribute to a deeper discussion on the Gospel of John, in a series beginning from June 12 for seven consecutive Sundays.*

*All are welcome!*

*In the Powerful Name of Jesus*

*Fr. Freddie Thomas*

### Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love*

#### Chapter 2: The Experiences and Challenges of Families

**Ultimately, it is easy nowadays to confuse genuine freedom with the idea that each individual can act Arbitrarily, as if there were no truths, values, and principles to provide guidance, and everything were possible and permissible (#34)**

**We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them (37)**

**No union that is temporary or closed to transmission of life can ensure the future of society (#52)**

**Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift (#56)**

## Saint Augustine Catholic Church

### Grace and Faith

Faith is our response to the divine initiative of grace. It is the human response to God. In Hebrews 11:1 we read, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." There are several nuances to the notion of faith. Some are examined below.

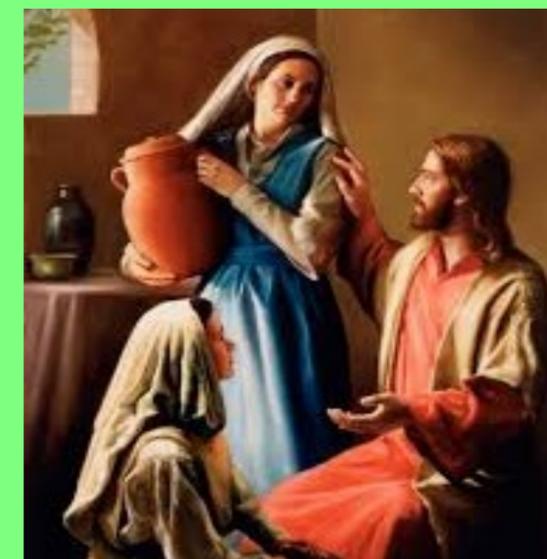
Faith as fidelity, or faithfulness, refers to relationship. It means to be faithful in our relationship with God. It implies following the commandment "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." (Deut. 6:5) Its opposite is not doubt, but infidelity or in prophetic language, adultery and idolatry.

Another meaning of faith is Trust. To have faith in somebody is to trust them; to have faith in God is to trust God. Its opposite is anxiety and worry. In the passage about God's care for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, Jesus linked lack of faith and anxiety. "Why are you anxious, O people of little faith?" (Matt.6:25-34)

A third meaning of faith is belief. It is a general belief that there is something to it all – that there is a God. It can be specified as believing the doctrinal tenets of a religion. Thus belief can be different in various religions of the world. Even among the Christian denominations beliefs can be quite different. The Catholic Church has the "Credo" (I believe) inviting us to believe specific truths about our religion.

Faith is not merely a matter of my will or choice. We are led into it. It grows. Although will is involved in faith, it is a gift from God. Faith itself is grace.

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:**

Maria Pestl, Virginia Nelson, Ruby Toro, Loretta Schmitz, Vivian Richardi, George Wolfe.

**And those who have died:**

Claudia Johnson

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, July 16th, 2016, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, July 17th, 2016, 8 a.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

Sunday, July 17th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

**Peter Kwok (+)**

Sunday, July 17th, 2016, 6 p.m.

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

July 10th, Collection: \$3,543.00 Includes EFT  
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$65.16

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR VOLUNTEER DINNER!**

Calling all Ministry Volunteers—Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Sacristans, Lectors, Choir Members, Altar Care Servers, Collection Counters, RCIA Team, Faith Formation Catechists, CLW volunteers, St. Vincent dePaul team, Rosary team, Prayer Tree members, Welcoming team, Church Environment team, Ushers, Greeters, and Hospitality team, to make sure to mark your calendars for August 4th. At 5 p.m., we will begin the evening in the church with a prayer service and then meet up in the cafeteria for a very special Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

**Prayer Tree**

**Please join members of the Prayer Tree** To pray “Rosary for Peace” on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM , on following days in 2016: August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

**GOOD NEWS!!**

The St. Vincent de Paul van will be here on Saturday, July 23rd from 9:30 AM until 6 PM, and on Sunday, July 24th, from 9 AM to 2 PM to collect your donations of clean and usable items. **Please note: Toys and E-Waste WILL NOT be accepted this year.**

**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 30 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](mailto:lilac52@gmail.com) or 415-935-1729

**Question of the Week**

**For Adults:**

Which response to God’s call is more natural to you—prayer or action? Why?

**For Children:**

In the past week, when have you prayed and when have you done good things for others? Which could you do better?

**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.

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)

**Save these Important Dates:**

**Family Movie Night – Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm potluck, 6 pm movie showing**

**CLW – Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am mass**

**RCIA Ice Cream Social – Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

**From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (USCCB)** *Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands of are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Listed below are some questions and answers about RCIA.*

**What are the steps of RCIA? (Part 1 of 6)** Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest, or RCIA director, the person, known as an "inquirer," may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen.

**Join us on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for our First Annual RCIA Ice Cream Social**

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“The Lego Movie.”

**Family Movie Night** – Come one, come all, to join in fellowship with your parish family. All are invited to join in a potluck dinner and the showing of “The Lego Movie”.

(The film contains cartoon mayhem, some peril and a bit of mild scatological humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.) — *By John Mulderig, Catholic News Service.*

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Visit our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>

**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.**