

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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](tel:415-935-1729).

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love* Chapter 4 Love in Marriage

Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak. (#97)

Indignation is only health when it makes us react to a grave injustice; when it permeates our attitude toward others, it is harmful. (#103)

How am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be sectored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family. (#104)

Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves. (#107)

We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows. (#113)

Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess, and dominate everything. This freedom, which fosters independence, an openness to the world around us and to new experiences, can only enrich and expand relationships. (#115)

[Commenting on "Love endures all things" 1 Cor 13:7]: This "endurance" involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. (#118)

The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate, the chain of evil. (#118)

Marriage is the icon of God's love for us. (#121)

A love that is weak or infirm, incapable of accepting marriage as a challenge to be taken up and fought for, reborn, renewed, and reinvented until death, cannot sustain a great commitment. It will succumb to the culture of the ephemeral that prevents a constant process of growth. (#124)

Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being. (#128)

In the family, three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: Please, Thank you, Sorry. Three essential words. (#133)

A love that fails to grow is at risk. (#134)

Experiencing an emotion is not, in itself, morally good or evil. The stirring of desire or repugnance is neither sinful nor blameworthy. What is morally good or evil is what we do on the basis of, or under the influence of a given passion. (#145)

Whereas virginity is an "eschatological" sign of the risen Christ, marriage is the "historical" sign for us living in this world, a sign of the earthly Christ who chose to become one with us and gave himself up for us even to shedding his blood. (#161)

Holy Mass is Community Worship

One of the things that I have been thinking about in recent days is our sense of community at Mass on Sunday.

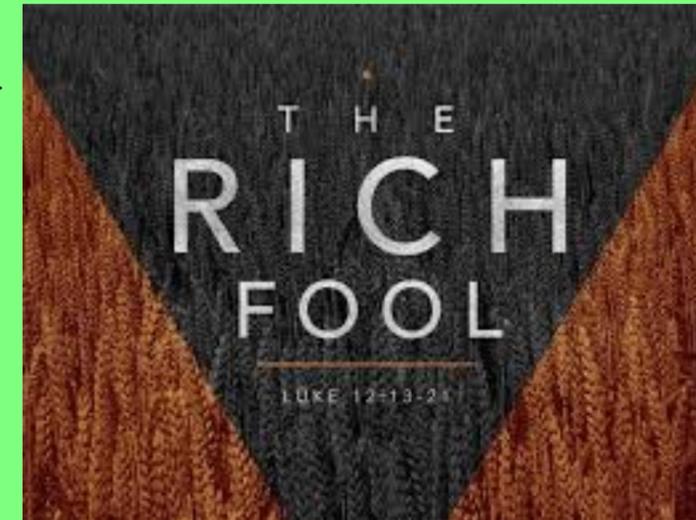
In many ways, most of you get the point that, when we come to Mass we are not just there as isolated individuals or families – to get something for ourselves. We are there as part of the "People of God", as part of the community whom God has called us together to hear His Word, to respond to His Word and to act on His Word. We are called together each week to praise and thank the Lord for His blessings to us as a people, not just as individuals. We participate through music and song, through words and gestures. We are a part of it, not just an attendee.

Many priests, me included, have always struggled with those who habitually come late and even more especially with those who habitually leave early. They, of course, will not be reading this message as they left after Communion, before the bulletins have been given out.

But I think I understand better now than I ever have how someone can do this. "If I am 'going to Mass' as an individual, if I am 'getting it in', if I am there 'to meet my obligation', then there is no sense of being a part of the community. There is no sense that I am there related to other people. And when I have got what I came for, i.e. Communion, the sooner I'm out of there, the better. I am a consumer, not a participant. This is between me and God and the fact that there are other people about has nothing to do with it; as a matter of fact, they are somewhat of an annoyance and a distraction from my own prayer."

(To be continued)

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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:
Virginia Nelson, Ruby Toro, Loretta Schmitz, Vivian Richardi, Cliff Wiesner

And those who have died:
Claudia Johnson, George Wolfe

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 30th, 2016, 5 p.m.
Sunday, July 31st, 2016, 8 a.m.
Sunday, July 31st, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Victims of the Terrorist Attacks
Sunday, July 31st, 2016, 6 p.m.
Parishioners & Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

July 24th, Collection: \$2,905.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$166.84

Prayer Tree

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 2016: August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

A Brief Biography of St. Ignatius of Loyola—Feast Day, July 31

Inigo Lopez de Loyola, who later took the name Ignatius, was the youngest son of a nobleman of the mountainous Basque region of northern Spain. Trained in the courtly manner of the time of King Ferdinand, he dreamed of the glories of knighthood and wore his sword and breastplate with a proud arrogance. When Ignatius was born in 1491, the Middle Ages were just ending and Europe was entering into the Renaissance. So Ignatius was a man on the edge of two worlds. Europe of the late 15th Century was a world of discovery and invention. European explorers sailed west to the Americas and south to Africa, and scholars uncovered the buried civilizations of Greece and Rome. The printing press fed a new hunger for knowledge among a growing middle class. It was the end of chivalry and the rise of a new humanism. It was a time of radical change, social upheaval, and war. In an attempt in 1521 to defend the Spanish border fortress of Pamplona against the French artillery, Inigo’s right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by the Inigo’s courage, carried him on a litter across Spain to his family home at Loyola where he began a long period of convalescence. During that time, he read several religious books, the only reading material readily available. These books and the isolation of the recovery period brought about a conversion which led to the founding of the Jesuits. Ignatius began to pray. He fasted, did penance and works of charity, dedicated himself to God and, after some troubles with the Spanish Inquisition, decided to study for the priesthood. As a student in Paris he drew a small band of friends to himself and directed them in extended prayer and meditation according to his Spiritual Exercises. After further studies, the first Jesuits were ordained to the Catholic priesthood in Venice and offered themselves in service to Pope Paul III. In 1540, Paul III approved the Institute of the Society of Jesus. St. Ignatius was elected General Superior and served in that post until his death in 1556 at the age of 65. [SOURCE: U.S. Jesuit Conference – www.jesuit.org]

Question of the Week
For Adults:
When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life.

For Children:
Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn’t make you as happy as you thought it would?

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.

Ministry Calendar:
Day of Mercy – Tuesday, August 2nd @ 7 pm/Fathers of Mercy
Ministry Appreciation Dinner – Thursday, Aug 4th @ 5pm
Children’s Choir Practice for the Feast of St. Augustine – Sunday, August 7th @ 9:30 am
RCIA Inquiry Class – Wednesday, August 10th @ 6:15 pm
CLW on Sunday, August 14th @ 10:30 am mass
Feast of the Assumption – Monday, August 15th @ 7pm – Guest Celebrant is Fr. Bonnaci

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.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (USCCB) Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands 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 3 of 6) What is meant by coming into full communion with the Church? Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate.

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

Calling all children ages 4 to 12. Do you like to sing? We are currently planning on preparing a song for Holy Mass on Sunday, August 28th @ 10:30 am for the Feast of St. Augustine. All children are invited to participate in practice on Sunday mornings. Parents must be present with their children during this time. For more information please contact Karen @ (510) 653-8631

Ministry Appreciation Dinner on August 4th @ 5pm

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Visit our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>
Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours. In Christ’s love, Karen