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Upon the death of Bishop Floyd L. Begin, founding bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, Bishop Cummins was appointed the second Bishop of Oakland and installed on June 30, 1977. He retired in 2003.

“Vatican II, Berkeley and Beyond: The First Half-Century of the Oakland Diocese, 1962-2012,” is the memoir written by Bishop Cummins. It is available at the Cathedral shop and on Amazon.com.

Father Augustine

Feast of Pope St. Pius X, August 21st

Pope Saint Pius X (Italian: *Pio X*) born **Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto**,^[a] (2 June 1835 – 20 August 1914), was Pope from August 1903 to his death in 1914. He was canonized in 1954. Pius X is known for vigorously opposing modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to order the codification of the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was also considered a pastoral pope, in the sense of encouraging personal holiness, piety and a daily lifestyle reflecting deep Christian values. He was born in the town of Riese, which would later append "Pio X" (Pius X's name in Italian) to the town's name.

Pius X was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the specific title of *Our Lady of Confidence*; his papal encyclical *Ad diem illum* expresses his desire through Mary to *renew all things in Christ*, which he had defined as his motto in his first encyclical. Pius X believed that there was no surer or more direct road than by the Virgin Mary to achieve this goal.^[5] Pius X was the only pope in the 20th century with extensive pastoral experience and implementation at the parish level, which led him to favor the use of the vernacular language in teaching catechesis, while the encouragement for frequent reception of holy communion became a lasting innovation of his papacy. His immediate predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, had actively promoted a synthesis between the Catholic Church and secular culture; faith and science; and divine revelation and reason.^[6] Pius X defended the Catholic faith against popular 19th-century attitudes and views such as indifferentism and relativism which his predecessors had warned against as well.^[7] He followed the example of Leo XIII by promoting Thomas Aquinas and Thomism as the principal philosophical method to be taught in Catholic institutions. Pius X vehemently opposed modernism, which claimed that Roman Catholic dogma should be modernized and blended with nineteenth-century philosophies. He viewed modernism as an import of secular errors affecting three areas of Roman Catholic belief: theology, philosophy, and dogma.^[6]

Personally, Pius X combined within himself a strong sense of compassion, benevolence and poverty, but also stubbornness and a certain stiffness.^[8] He wanted to be pastoral in the sense that he was the only pope in the 20th century who gave Sunday homily sermons in the pulpit every week.^[b] After the 1908 Messina earthquake he filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees, long before the Italian government acted.^[8] He rejected any kind of favors for his family; his brother remained a postal clerk, his favorite nephew stayed on as village priest, and his three sisters lived together close to poverty in Rome.^[8] He often referred to his own humble origins, taking up the causes of poor people. *I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor.*^[9] During his papacy, some of the world-renowned Marian images were granted a Canonical Coronation, namely the Our Lady of Aparecida, Our Lady of the Pillar, Our Lady of the Cape, Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, Our Lady of the Lake of Saint John, Our Lady of La Naval de Manila, Our Lady of Carmel of New York, and the Immaculate Conception within the *Chapel of the Choir* inside Saint Peter's Basilica were granted its prestigious honors.

Considered a holy person by many, public veneration of Pope Pius X began soon after his death. Numerous petitions resulted in an early process of beatification which started in the 1920s, and which resulted in his canonization on 29 May 1954.^[9] The Society of Saint Pius X, a Traditionalist Catholic group, is named in his honor. A gigantic statue of him is enshrined within Saint Peter's Basilica, while the town of his birthplace was also renamed after his canonization.

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Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Parish Feast

On August 28th we celebrate the feast of Saint Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430), the patron saint of our parish. He was the bishop of Hippo in North Africa (Algeria).

Saint Augustine is one of the seminal minds of the early Church and wrote extensively on topics related to Christian doctrine: Trinity, divine grace, evil, original sin, etc. His most popular book has been, *“Confessions,”* which is considered a spiritual classic and read by a lot of people, even to this day. Another of his books, *“The City of God”*, is taught at some of the universities in our country.

During the celebration of the parish feast, we honor another Bishop emeritus, John S. Cummins, whose home parish was Saint Augustine Church. He shepherded the Church of Oakland for 26 years. We celebrate Bishop Cummins and his many years of dedicated service to the Church.

Bishop John Stephen Cummins was born in 1928. He grew up in the parish of Saint Augustine in Oakland, California. He was the second son of Michael and Mary Cummins, both natives of Ireland. He has a sister, Mary McCarthy, and a brother, Monsignor Bernard A. Cummins, who passed away in 1974.

Bishop Cummins was ordained to the priesthood on January 24, 1953 at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco. His first assignment was as Associate Pastor at Mission Dolores Basilica in San Francisco. He also served as Campus Minister (Newman Club) at San Francisco State University until he was transferred to Bishop O’Dowd High School, as a faculty member, in 1957.

In 1962, while at Bishop O’Dowd, Father Cummins was named the first Chancellor of the newly created Diocese of Oakland. While serving as Chancellor, Monsignor Cummins also served as the diocesan liaison to the three Catholic theological schools entering the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

In February, 1971, he was appointed Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops in Sacramento. On May 16, 1974 he was ordained Bishop and Auxiliary to Bishop Alden Bell in Sacramento.

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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, Vivian Richardi, Pat Nolan, Jim McMurray, Loraine Moran.

And those who have died:
Claudia Johnson, George Wolfe, Loretta Schmitz

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 20th, 2016, 5 p.m.
Sunday, August 21st, 2016, 8 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday, August 21st, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Pat Nolan (-)
Sunday, August 21st 2016, 6 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 14th, 2016, Collection: \$3,289.00 Includes EFT

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$137.55

Loretta Schmitz Funeral

11AM Mass Thursday August 25. Join the Schmitz family and friends in celebrating the life of parishioner Loretta Schmitz, who passed away on August 15th. Informal reception — food and conversation following the Mass.



Question of the Week

For Adults:

What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?

For Children:

What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?

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:

RCIA Inquiry Class – Wednesday, August 24th @ 6:15 pm

Feast of St. Augustine – Sunday, August 28th @ 10:30 am – Luncheon and concert following mass.

There will be no 8 am Mass next Sunday, August 28th.

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 6 of 6)*

Is there a ceremony or preparation for Catholics who never or seldom have practiced the faith? For Catholics who have been Baptized, Confirmed and made First Communion but then drifted from the faith, the way they return is through the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics who were baptized but never received Confirmation and/or Eucharist also participate in a period of formation. This process of formation is completed with the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion often at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season.

What is the role of a godparent for an adult being baptized?

Prior to the Rite of Election, the Catechumen may choose one or two godparents, who will accompany the Catechumen on the day of Election, at the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and during the Period of Mystagogy. They are called to show the Catechumens good example of the Christian life, sustain them in moments of hesitancy and anxiety, bear witness, and guide their progress in the baptismal life.

Family Faith Formation begins again in September

Registration information and forms are now available for this coming year. 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 begin on September 17th and 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

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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.