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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](http://Amazon.com).

Father Augustine

#### **Pope Francis will declare Blessed Teresa of Kolkata a saint at the Vatican Sept. 4.**

The date was announced March 15 during an "ordinary public consistory," a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process.

Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighborhoods in the world. Although some people criticized her for not also challenging the injustices that kept so many people so poor and abandoned, her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths.

Born to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, she went to India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Shortly after she died in 1997, St. John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003.

After her beatification, Missionary of Charity Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, the postulator of her sainthood cause, published a book of her letters, "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light." The letters illustrated how, for decades, she experienced what is described as a "dark night of the soul" in Christian spirituality; she felt that God had abandoned her. While the letters shocked some people, others saw them as proof of her steadfast faith in God, which was not based on feelings or signs that he was with her.

The date chosen for her canonization is the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death and the date previously established at the Vatican for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage of people like her who are engaged in works of mercy.

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

#### **Chapter 9 The Spirituality of Marriage and the Family**

The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. (#315)

A person who cannot choose to love forever can hardly love for even a single day. (#315)

The spiritual journey of each [spouse] —as Dietrich Bonhoeffer nicely puts it—needs to help them to a certain “disillusionment” with regard to the other, to stop expecting from that person something which is proper to the love of God alone. (#320)

All family life is a “shepherding” in mercy. (#322)

No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. (#325)

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

## Parish Feast

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27th, 2016, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, August 28th, 2016, 8 a.m.  
Sunday, August 28th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, August 28th, 2016, 6 p.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

August 21st, 2016, Collection: \$2,777.00 Includes EFT

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$43.29

Votive Candle donations: \$17.00

**Question of the Week**

**For Adults:**

Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

**For Children:**

Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?

**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 Year of Mercy: A Call to live God’s Abundant Love**

**September 8: God’s Invitation to be present to ourselves and the world**

We will look at how present we are to experience God’s everyday mercy. We will look at areas of relationship in our lives, such as Family, Friendship, Intimacy etc.

**September 15: God’s Invitation to live our faith meaningfully**

We will look at the invitation to meaningfully form our faith and spirituality as responsible, mature adults. We will review how mature faith is merciful faith and how it shapes our pastoral response to our diverse Catholic Family.

Please come and join us. The workshops are open to everyone, and we mean it when we say “ALL are welcome!” I look forward to having you there, to meeting you, and to learning with and from one another.

Rev. Stephan Kappler, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist and the founder/director of KAIROS Psychology Group, an Assessment, Psychotherapy, and Consultation Practice in Oakland, California. He is a priest of the Diocese of Oakland, the pastor of St. Jarlath parish, and he has 22 years of experience, ministering in various pastoral settings and with diverse populations. He earned his doctorate in clinical psychology (Psy.D.) from John F. Kennedy University in Pleasant Hill, California. Current areas of specialization include assessments of and therapeutic work with clergy and religious, seminarians and candidates for religious life, and integration of spirituality into the therapeutic process. Dr. Kappler has clinical experience in working with issues pertaining to depression and anxiety, grief, HIV/AIDS, sexual identity formation, as well as assessment and treatment of sexual addiction. He studied Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico and provides services in English, Spanish, and German. [CA License: PSY 26183]

**Ministry Calendar:**

**RCIA Inquiry Class – Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:15 pm**

**Mercy: The Heart of Peace, Tuesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45 pm @ Cathedral of Christ the Light**

**No RCIA Inquiry Class on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

**What does the USCCB say about Children’s Faith Formation? (Part 1 of 2)**

**Catechesis Within the**

**Family:** While the catechesis offered within the family is ordinarily informal, unstructured, and spontaneous, it is no less crucial for the development of the child's faith. In a certain sense nothing replaces family catechesis, especially for its positive and receptive environment, for the example of adults, and for its first explicit experience and practice of the faith. The catechesis of infants and young children nourishes the beginnings of the life of faith. Parents have shared the gift of human life with their children and, through Baptism, have enriched them with a share in God's own life. They have the duty to nourish it. Their faith, their attitude toward other human beings, and their trust in a loving God strongly influence the development of the child's faith. Parents are catechists precisely because they are parents. Their role in the formation of Christian values in their children is irreplaceable. They should speak naturally and simply about God and their faith, as they do about other matters they want their children to understand and appreciate. Parents are also the most effective catechists of prayer for their young children. They know what their children are capable of understanding and can easily teach their children basic prayers and the fundamental attitude of prayer. By praying frequently with their children at special moments during the day and especially by praying with them at the Sunday Eucharist, parents introduce children into the prayer life of the Church. By incorporating prayer into everyday family experiences, parents teach their children by example. Their witness encourages their children to call upon God as their Father who loves and protects them; to look to Jesus, their Savior and brother, who leads them to the Father; and to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within their hearts. Children ordinarily enjoy listening to their parents read to them and tell them stories. Reading stories from Sacred Scripture combines both these simple activities. Just as children learn their family histories through stories told by their parents, they learn about the Catholic faith as their parents introduce them to the person of Jesus and the beauty of the word of God and tell them the story of Mary, the Mother of God, as well as of the lives of the saints.

**Family Faith Formation begins again in September**

Registration information and forms are now available for this coming year. The program is available for Kinder – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. If your child is starting 1<sup>st</sup> grade they should begin classes this year to be ready for sacramental preparation when they are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Faith Formation classes begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> 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