

QUESTION OF THE WEEK**For Adults**

What gift have you not developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

For Children

What gift has God given you? what do you want to do with it?

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Second, let us steep ourselves in our tradition. The Second Vatican Council document *Lumen Gentium*, or “Light to the Nations,” affirmed the teaching of the catechism on the laity. In *Lumen Gentium*, we hear of what Fr. William shared with us last weekend: that we are the church. Paragraph 31 reads, “all the faithful...who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ, are constituted the people of God, who have been made sharers in their own way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ and play their part in carrying out the mission of the whole Christian people in the church and in the world.” A friend of mine likes to talk about it this way. By virtue of our baptism, we, the laity, are called to be priestly, or responsible; to be prophetic, or radical; and to live regally, outshining the customary way of being in the world. On this weekend when three members of our parish commit to full membership in the church through the Rite of Welcome, let us recall these promises we make at our baptism. And let us ask ourselves, “How can we be responsible to one another? How are we going to speak prophetically about our experience of community here? And how might we exemplify Christian hospitality and nonjudgment in the way we treat one another, as well as our new parochial administrator?”

Third, let us take comfort in the Scripture on which our Tradition sets its foundation. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 reminds us, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” Take heart, brothers and sisters, for we are the body of Christ; we are his church. We are the people of God, a chosen people with a special responsibility to heal what is broken in ourselves, in our homes, in our parish, in our world.

During this time of transition, let us be accountable to the Christ who is present in one another. As we begin to let go of Fr. William and make room in our hearts for Fr. Augustine Joseph, let us ask God into what we might be being invited through these changes. What dreams do we have for our parish? How will we realize them?

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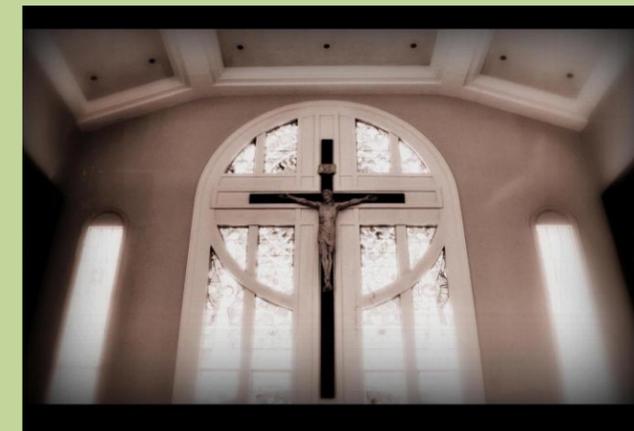


Sisters and brothers, we are at a challenging moment in the story of our parish community. We have said goodbye to and welcomed into our lives three priests in positions of pastoral leadership in the past three years, as well as four members of our lay staff. As many have said over these past months, transition seems to have become the new normal at St. Augustine.

And as is true of most transitions, we are uncertain of what will come next. We’ve not yet met our pastoral administrator, Fr. Augustine Joseph, and we hold him, Fr. William, and the rest of our parish community in our prayers, for strength to be present to the changes ahead. But sisters and brothers, uncertainty need not lead to anxiety. God has gifted the Catholic community with resources to be present to these changes, to learn from them, and to grow from them.

First, let us take advantage of the gift of personal and communal prayer. I encourage you to spend time in prayer this week, maybe just five minutes each morning, asking God to send the Holy Spirit to be present with us in these weeks. Ask the Holy Spirit to share with us her guidance and compassion. In addition, I invite you to be present to this community not only at Mass, but also beforehand and afterward. Spend a little extra time in prayer before Mass begins. Check in with your neighbors. Be present to them.

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Mission Statement

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

Kindly keep the following parishioners in your prayers as they have been placed in **Hospice care**: Hortense Atkins and Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Stephanie Sauder-Andrade, Sylvia Lope, Rose Domaguina, Gail Smith, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard.

And those who have died:

Cora Jose, Jeanne Harold Boxley, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Toby Burditt, Juanita Morris and Kristina Velarde.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 15th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16th, 2014 8 a.m.

Judi Jacob (+)

Sunday, November 16th, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Robbie Valentine (-)

Sunday, November 16th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

November 9th, 2014: \$4,224 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$81.02

Glasses for the Philippines

Your old glasses can change a life! St. Augustine's is collecting reading and prescription glasses for the Holy Rosary International Medical Missions (HRIMM) as it prepares to serve the medical needs of the poor in the Philippines. The HRIMM is affiliated with Holy Rosary Parish in Antioch. The glasses will be distributed by the medical team this upcoming January when it visits Panay and Sablayan. More information on the mission can be found at <http://www.hrimm.org/>. Please take this opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ by placing reading and prescription glasses in the red bin in the vestibule at church. Questions? Call Peter Hayes on 925-323-0463.

We will begin our Bible Study this Sunday, November 16, 2014 after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Rectory dining room. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus.

Fr. Freddie Thomas

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.

Advent Wreath-Making Party

Celebrate the Advent Season with your family and make an Advent Wreath for your home with fresh evergreens.

Sunday, November 30, 2014, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Cafeteria

All wreaths will be blessed at 10:30 AM Mass. Advent Wreath prayer materials will be provided. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per wreath to offset material costs. **Please RSVP to Jenny Girard Malley, jennysacc@gmail.com by November 24.**

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 2014: December 7.

Dates to Remember

- November 16th, Rite of Welcome**
- November 27th, Thanksgiving Liturgy 10 AM**
- December 8th, Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:30 AM & 7 PM.**
- December 12th, Guadalupe Mass 7 PM**
- December 15th Reconciliation Service 7 PM**
- December 24th, Family Mass 5 PM**

Message from St. Vincent de Paul

Our annual One Warm Coat drive is underway through 12/30/14. Coats go directly to needy men, women, and children who wouldn't otherwise been able to buy a coat to stay warm this winter. There will be a box in the entry next to our regular carts for collection of these coats. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Also the following items for Thanksgiving boxes: stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, and canned milk. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Augustine's Advent Events, 2014

The First Sunday of Advent



Advent begins the weekend of Nov 29th-30th

Bring your advent wreaths from home (or the Advent-Wreath-Making Party) to be blessed for use this season.

Join us after each mass for Fr. William's Farewell reception.

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays in Advent @ 6:45 PM

Join us for quiet prayer and song in this season of simplicity.



Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th
Meet us in the church.

CELEBRATE OUR MARIAN FEASTS!



Guadalupe

Join us in honoring the Patroness of the Americas with mass, music and festive treats!

Friday, December 12th at 7 PM in the Church

Immaculate Conception

Join us for this Holy Day of Obligation (Opportunity)!

Monday, December 8th
Mass as 8:30 AM and 7 PM in the Church.

Advent Reconciliation Service



Monday, December 15th at 7 PM in the Church

Unless otherwise noted, please contact the parish office for more information or questions.