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Thank you

Thanks to all the members of our parish who helped to celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Augustine. Thanks to Maureen and team who decorated the church tastefully. Music and the choir indeed rose to the occasion! Steve and the hospitality team made it a sumptuous feast; Jerry delivered the champagne, 'the cup that cheers but does not inebriate.' Thanks to everyone whose presence and contribution truly made our celebration beautiful.

Father Augustine

The St Vincent de Paul vans will be here at St Augustine the week end of Sept 26th and 27th. We will be accepting gently used items including household items, men's women's, and children's clothing, furniture, and electronics. Also we could use some volunteer help in loading the vans. We will be accepting donations from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday. Any time from 1 to several hours would be very helpful. September is "Invitation to Serve" for new members of St Vincent de Paul nationally. A time to learn more about the work of St Vincent.

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)

Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Usher, please contact the parish office at (510) 653-8631. Training is provided for all of the ministries. At this time we do not have enough liturgical ministers to fulfill our needs at every liturgy, especially Eucharistic Ministers at the 10:30 am Mass and Ushers at the 6 pm Mass.

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IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!
Application Forms are in the back of the church

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

400 Alcatraz Avenue, Oakland, California

www.staugustineoakland.com

Office phone number (510) 653-8631

Birth Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8th is celebrated as the feast of the nativity of Mary, mother of Jesus. The Feast was celebrated at least by the sixth century, when St. Romanos the Melodist, an Eastern Christian who composed many of the hymns used in the Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox liturgies, composed a hymn for the feast. The feast spread to Rome in the seventh century, but it was a couple more centuries before it was celebrated throughout the west.

The present canon of scripture does not record Mary's birth. The earliest known account of Mary's birth is found in the Protoevangelium of James (5:2), an apocryphal text from the late second century, with her parents known as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.

In the case of saints, the Catholic Church commemorates their date of death, with Saint John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary among the few whose birth dates are commemorated. The reason for this is found in the singular mission each had in salvation history, but traditionally also because these alone (besides the prophet Jeremiah, Jer. 1:5) were holy in their very birth (For Mary, it is her Immaculate Conception; John was sanctified in Saint Elizabeth's womb according to the traditional interpretation of Lk 1:15).

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Mission Statement

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

Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together - Update as of 08/28/2015

We would like to update you on the progress of our Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together campaign. Fr. Augustine would like to thank you for your support and your generosity.

Campaign pledge cards are in the back of the church for any parishioner who would like to participate.

Parish Goal Summary

Parish Goal: \$259,794.23
Funds Raised: \$93,554.00
Remaining to Raise: \$166,240.23
% of goal raised: 36.01%

Fundraising Summary

25 Pledges:	\$78,560	16 Outright:	\$14,994
Avg. Pledge	\$3,142	Avg. Outright:	\$937
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Total Actual Receipts:	\$26,317		
Average Gift:	\$2,399		

Kindly keep the following parishioner in your prayers as she has been placed in **Hospice care**: Marilyn La Placa.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, John Meadows, Mary Hazen, David Toda, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:

Margaret Johnson, Mabel Murphy, Gerald Miller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 5th 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Rosemarie Jew (+)

Sunday, September 6th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 6th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Br. Aiden Putman (-)

Sunday, September 6th 2015, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 30th, 2015: \$3,911 (*Includes EFT*)

SVDP Stewardship \$124.57

Next week's second collection is for the Peter's Pence Collection.



Please include our parishioner, Mildred Burns, who recently lost her mother, Margaret Johnson, in your prayers.

Sunday Potluck

Date Change: Our September potluck will be held on the September 13, in the church cafeteria following the 6 pm Mass to welcome new folks to the parish. Dishes can be brought to the rectory in the 15 minutes before Mass starts. Bring a friend!

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

For Children:

What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

SPRED**Consider Helping in a New Ministry**

Consider becoming an adult volunteer catechist to those with Special Needs in a small group setting. SPRED (SPecial Religious Education Department) Provides ongoing faith formation for children, teens or adults with developmental disabilities. For information call 510-635-7252 or email info@spredoakdiocese.org.

Website: www.spredoakdiocese.org

Good News!!

Father Thomas Bonacci, C.P. will return to St. Augustine Church on September 21, 2015, at 7:00 pm. On this "International Day of Peace", Father Tom will prepare us for the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy, which begins on December 8, 2015.

Please Save the Date

Dates to Remember:

September 5th & 6th: Anointing of the sick at all Masses.

October 4th, 10:30 AM Mass - Blessing of the animals.

October 25th - Baptism Sunday

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray the "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on the following days: September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

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

An ongoing workshop presented by
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services Grief Ministries
The Pain of losing a loved one can be devastating.
Come and meet with others in a safe and compassionate environment who are experiencing the Pain of loss. You do not need to grieve alone.

Saturdays
September 19, October 24

11 am to 1 pm

Coopers Funeral Center

1580 Fruitvale Ave

Oakland CA 94601

Grief Ministry Workshop Facilitated by Rev. Padraig Green
Parish Relationship Director - Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services
For Information call (510) 533-4114

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.

St. Patrick's Seminary & University 2015 Gala Raffle

Lexus is250 Value \$38,000 or \$25,000

\$50 per ticket - Drawing to be held September 19, 2015. Winner need not be present to win. Must be 18 or older to enter.

Automobile offer made possible in conjunction with Putnam Lexus of Redwood City.

Tax and License of automobile not included.

To purchase tickets, contact Linda in the rectory office, or call (510) 653-8631.