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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Margaret Johnson, And those who have died:
Fr. Freddie’s father, Thomas,
Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
placed in
Kindly
St. Augustine Parish, Oakland California
rectory in the 15 minutes before Mass starts.
welcoming new folks to the parish.
September 13
Date Change:
Sunday
Campaign pledge cards are in the back of the church for any parishioner who would like to participate.
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.

Parish Goal Summary
Parish Goal: $259,794.23
Funds Raised: $93,554.00
Remaining to Raise: $166,240.23
% of goal raised: 36.01%
Total Actual Receipts: $26,317
Average Gift: $2,399

Funds Raised Summary
25 Pledges: $78,560
Avg. Pledge: $3,142
16 Outright: $14,994
Avg. Outright: $937

Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, September 5th, 2015
5:00 p.m. Rosemarie Jew (+)
Sunday, September 6th, 2015
8:00 a.m. Margaret Johnson, Mabel Murphy,
10:30 a.m. John Meadows, Mary Hazen, David Toda,
12:30 p.m. Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson.
2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Burns, who recently lost her mother,
Mary Hazen, Claudia Johnson.
September 8th
8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Fr. Freddie’s father, Thomas,
12:30 p.m. Father Thomas Bonacci,
5:00 p.m. Father Tom will prepare us
for the Pope’s Jubilee Year of Mercy,
“Day of Peace”, Father Tom will prepare us
on an issue of importance.
What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?
For Children:
What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?
For Adults:
What does your belief in Jesus enable you to speak out on
necessary in order to participate; all that is needed is
a desire to meet with a small group to spend time in prayer.

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Fundraising Summary
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Thank you for your support! We are grateful for your generosity.
To purchase tickets, contact Linda in the rectory office, or call (510) 653-1727.

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
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.

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

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

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