

St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day, September 27th

The Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

How does the Society differ from other charities?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is composed of women and men who seek their personal holiness through works of charity. In this essential way, the Society differs from charitable associations or agencies whose principal objective is not the spiritual advancement of their members but the doing of good for someone else.

President-General Adolpe Baudon, in his Circular Letter of January 1, 1877, writes:

"It is laid down in our Rule, and it has been always understood among us, that in uniting to serve our masters the poor, as St. Vincent de Paul expresses it, our object is not only to relieve material misery, a very laudable purpose in itself, but to aspire, especially, through the practice of that most sublime of virtues "charity" to render ourselves better and more fervent Christians, and to make our poor enter on the same path, if we have the happiness of succeeding."

In his Circular Letter of December 12, 1915, Vicomte Hendecourt, President-General writes:

"The Society has two aims: to do a great deal of spiritual good to its members through the exercise of charity, and to do a little spiritual and temporal good to a few poor families in the name of Jesus Christ. If it did not continually seek to combine these two aims, it would lose its *raison d'etre*. If it were to seek only the holiness of its members through pious exercises, there is no lack of Confraternities and Third Orders to meet that need. If on the other hand, it were to seek only the relief of the temporal miseries of the poor, it would only add one more to the list of public and private institutions founded for that purpose."

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

A Note From Fr. Freddie

Thank you!

I am thankful for the ministry that I have had for the past two years at St. Augustine's. I gratefully remember Fr. William Rosario, our former Pastor who accepted me at St. Augustine's. Dear Fr. Augustine, thank you for everything you have done for me. Our current staff: Linda, Doug, Karen and April have supported me in their best possible way for which I am grateful. I also, fondly, remember all the former staff members. My dear parishioners of St. Augustine's, you have meant a lot to me. I am grateful for all your support, especially during my difficult times; for your prayers, your kindness and your friendship.

St. Augustine has been a family to me. The liturgy has been marvelous, the choir superb, and the parishioners fabulous. I will always cherish the beautiful experience with the Bible Study group, the daily Mass and Taize prayer community. I am fortunate to have met so many wonderful people and to have made many friends. As someone said, there are no endings, only new beginnings. I take my next assignment with me, and I carry wonderful memories of this parish. I want to express my deep gratitude to each one. United in Him we shall continue the mission of Christ our Lord.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie



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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, Vivian Richardi, Sylvia Lope, Jim McMurray
Karen Burns, Tammy, Terry, Sandy, Ganail Jenkins

And those who have died:

Claudia Johnson, George Wolfe, Loretta Schmitz, Mari Kittel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 24th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, September 25th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Sunday, September 25th, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 25th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Tony Custodio (-)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

September 18th, 2016, Collection: \$2,784.00 Includes EFT

Votive Candle donations: \$5.00

Next Week's Second Collection will be for The Catholic Voice.

The Catholic Voice Collection Scheduled For next Sunday, October 2nd, 2016.

Next weekend is the annual second collection for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps the parish offset its assessed payment of \$9,420.00 for this important communications ministry. The Voice and its other operations—El Heraldo Catolico, websites and social media—are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the Diocese. Please be generous with your support. Checks should be made payable to the parish.

Prayer Tree

Please join members of the Prayer Tree to pray “Rosary for Peace” on the 1st Sunday of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2016: October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th.

Taize Prayer

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

Question of the Week

For Adults:

What are the “rewards” of caring for the needs of the poor?

For Children:

What is one thing you and your family do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

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, Sept 28th

Family Faith Formation – Sunday, Oct 2nd @ 9:10 am

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 2nd @ the 10:30 am Mass

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, Oct 2nd @ 10:30 am mass

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 desk of the Ministry Coordinator – Small Faith Groups (1 of 3)

Reasons why small groups make such a difference **People talk more in small groups.** **Group members realize that others face similar problems. People use their gifts and talents to minister to one another. Small group members encourage each other in their faith. Small group members encourage each other to grow. Group members hold each other accountable. Members pray for one another. People are more likely to practice what they learn. Group members can help each other in hard times. Friendships start.**

Coming soon: Small Faith Groups sharing “The Joy of Love”
Small faith group registration will begin next weekend, October 1st and 2nd. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information.

Family Faith Formation has begun!! 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 began on September 18th & 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