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God's grace comes to us in many ways, but in a special way, through other people. I have been shaped and formed by my parents, siblings, teachers, friends and all people I have had the privilege to serve. I want to thank them all. In this I realize that I have failed as well. I apologize and ask pardon from God and people I may have hurt through my sins and weaknesses. "Where sin increases, may grace multiply!"

I thank all our staff and volunteers who set up, and worked preparing, for the jubilee. All who attended the Holy Mass appreciated the melodious singing of the choir. Thanks to all the members of our parish for your support and help.

Father Augustine Joseph



The Art and Environment Committee would like to invite all interested parishioners to help ready the church for the Advent season. We will meet on Saturday, November 28th from 10:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m. All are welcome, for any length of time that fits in your schedule. Thank you.

Blessings,
Maureen

Looking for a way to become more centered? Have a mind freer for prayer? Move from your head to your heart? Have a more balanced, flexible body?

When: November 17 - Dec. 1, 2015 7:00-8:00PM, Presented by Sister Celeste Crine

Marylann LaPlaca's funeral will be at St. Augustine's Church on Thursday, November 19th, 2015, at 11:00 am.

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

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In Gratitude

It is a time of remembrance. Memories make up who we are. A loss of memory is effectively a loss of ourselves, our surroundings and all our cherished possessions. Many of us have met people suffering from Alzheimer's and we are painfully reminded of this undeniable truth.

The month of November is liturgically dedicated to remembering and praying for those who have preceded us in the pilgrimage of life and especially for those who might still need our prayers to reach their ultimate goal – God and heaven. It is important and appropriate that we pray for our dear departed; feel and enjoy the communion of saints.

It is, also, a time for counting our blessings. Thanksgiving is around the corner. We are invited to thank God for life, light and happiness, the rich blessing of our earth, for water and all the fruits and flowers of the earth, for the air we breathe, for creatures of the earth and for the miracle that our universe is. We did not create any of these but God, in his rich design, blessed us with everything. Thanksgiving is the time when together with the **canticle** we say, "Let all creatures praise the Lord"...dew and rain bless the Lord"... (Daniel 3: 57f)

As I have celebrated the Silver Jubilee of my priestly ordination I thank God and all the people who gave me this privilege to serve. I believe that God chose me, not because I am worthy; God's choice, God's grace made me worthy. Together with Saint Paul I acknowledge, "By God's grace I am what I am." (1 Cor.15: 10)



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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:

Bob Shobar, Florence Ottoboni, Cynthia Mitchell, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, John Meadows, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato.

And those who have died:

Marilyn La Placa, Mary Flynn, Rose Thomas, Michael McGuiness, Mary Hazen, Margaret Johnson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 14th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Fr. Freddie (-)

Sunday, November 15th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, November 15th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Todd Minson (-)

Sunday November 15th, 2015, 6 p.m.

Rose Thomas (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

November 8st, 2015: \$ 4,343 (Includes EFT)
SVDP Stewardship: \$107.17

It's November with a special crispness in the air and time to think about the holiday season approaching. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it and we are planning to prepare special food boxes for 100+ families. We will be preparing these boxes on Friday Nov. 20 and distributing them on Saturday Nov. 21. We will be working on that Friday from 4:00 pm until we hope to finish by 7:00 pm and could use your help. Also help on Saturday to help distribute the boxes would be appreciated. We also are asking for donations of canned milk, pumpkin, stuffing mix, and money to cover the cost of fresh produce we include. Thanks in advance for your help.

**Question of the Week****For Adults:**

What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?

For Children:

What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?

Ministry Week in a Glance

Wednesday, Nov 18th @ 6pm – RCIA

Saturday, Nov 21st @ 10 am mass - Encounter with Jesus

Sunday, Nov 22nd @ 9:15 am – Faith Formation (PreK – 4th)

Sunday, Nov 22nd @ 10:30 am mass – Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, Nov 22nd after 10:30 mass – Annual Craft Faire

Dates to Remember:

November 22nd: Craft Fair

November 26th: Thanksgiving

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 2015: December 6.

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.

Calling all Crafters, Bakers, and Creative Folks!

St. Augustine Church
Annual Craft Fair is Nov. 22.

Do you knit, sew, crochet, craft, do woodwork, carve, bake, paint, draw, or make the best soaps, ornaments, wreaths, candles, baked goods, gift baskets or whatnot? Do you have friends who do?

If you have homemade goods to sell,
we NEED you!

Please contact Lorrie Soria
at 510-914-0847 by November 15.
Table cost is \$25 or 15% of sales –
Table costs benefit St. Augustine's
St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

Often we think that we need to search for Jesus..... The good news is that He waits for us in the Holy Eucharist. On Saturday, November 21st at 10 am, we will be hosting an Encounter with Jesus, sponsored by the Confraternity of Eucharistic Devotion of the Diocese of Oakland in partnership with St. Augustine Parish. In preparation of the Year of Mercy join us for a mass celebrated by Fr. Brandon Macadeag, from Holy Spirit in Fremont followed by a presentation on the devotion of Eucharistic Adoration. More information is available in the Parish bulletin. A pot luck lunch will follow in the Parish Hall.

Is there a ministry you are interested in finding out more about? Do you think you are not qualified to do a certain job? God does not always call the qualified, but He always qualifies the called. I would love to discuss opportunities for service in our parish with you. Feel free to give me a call @ 510-653-8631, Ext 102

Visit our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>

Please continue to pray with me that our Parish community will grow in God's love and holiness. In Christ's love, Karen