



Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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Thank you Bishop Barber: As a parish community we want to thank Bishop Barber for presiding at the Holy Mass and blessing the daily Mass chapel. We pray that the Lord continues to bless your leadership and ministry at our Church.

Saint Thomas the Apostle, called **Didymus**, (which means "the twin") was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, according to the New Testament. He is informally called "doubting Thomas" because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told, (in the Gospel of John), followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body.

Traditionally, he is said to have travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as India. According to tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, or present day Kodungallur, a town situated 18 miles north of Kochi, India, in AD 52 and baptized several people, who today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Nasranis. After his death, the reputed relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the third century, and later moved to various places. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Abruzzo in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is the Patron Saint of India, and the name Thoma remains quite popular among Saint Thomas Christians of India.

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Mission Statement

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

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Freedom: As our nation celebrates July 4th, we are all made aware of the freedoms we enjoy. Most of the time we speak about freedom from: oppression, dictatorship, tyranny, violence, or from prejudices like racism, sexism, etc. Freedom as liberation from these and other restricting factors will not be lasting if one fails to understand freedom as the ability to do well. Freedom is not licentiousness for personal gratification without considering the good of others.

True freedom is our ability to serve the people in need and a willingness to contribute to the betterment of our human society. Today, with the growth in ecological sciences, we are further made to understand freedom as ‘taking care of God’s creation.’ As Pope Francis states in the Encyclical, **Laudato si**, ‘we are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis, which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.’ (§139)

Father Augustine

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:

John Meadows, Jen Owens, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson., Patty Wiesner.

And those who have died:

Rose Domaguing, Mary Pavao, and Sunny Gustafson.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 4th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, July 5th, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, July 5th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Fr. Freddie's Father, Thomas

Sunday, July 5th 2015, 6 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

June 28th, 2015: \$4,182 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$130.69

Dates to Remember:

July 18 & 19: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Presentation

July 25th and 26th: Baptism Weekend

August 30th: Feast of St. Augustine

Fr. Freddie's bible study will resume in the church cafeteria on Sunday, August 2nd after the 10:30 am Mass. This session will be on the Gospel of John.

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: July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

Question of the Week

For Adults:

What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?

For Children:

What have you wished would be different or better about you?

*May we keep the doors
of our heart open.*

May we see the love, beauty
and dignity in every person.

May those who are grieving find healing.

May we honor the dead
by examining our minds and hearts,
and seek to rid ourselves of hatred.

May those who work for justice
be steadfast.

May we put an end to violence
in all its forms.

Mary Busby
Sagrada

Because we have shared in the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ over the years, I invite you to celebrate with me, and the Community of St. Joan of Arc, my retirement from full-time ministry on:

Saturday, August 22, 2015

5:30 pm Mass

St. Joan of Arc Church

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

San Ramon, CA 94583

Reception follows Mass

Blessings and love,
Fr. Ray Zielezienski

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.

A moving presentation on Praying to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be presented to our parish the weekend of July 18 & 19 by Redemptorist Father Don MacKinnon.

This special prayer is significant in today's unstable world because of the deeper, sacramental meaning of life felt from praying before the sacred icon. Pope Francis urges all to find our compassionate God within.

Make an extra effort to attend Mass this weekend to receive your individual copy of the miraculous picture and the prayer which Pope St. John Paul II offered as he knelt before the original image at the Redemptorist Motherhouse in Rome in 1991.

