



## St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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### Thank you to all those who made a pledge!

The Campaign Committee would like to thank all the families who have contributed to date and have made the campaign a great success. We still have yet to hear from many households in our parish. We need everyone's help to reach our goal. We hope to hear from those families very soon. **Please keep in mind that we will receive 25% of all monies collected up to our campaign target of \$259,794 and 50% of all funds raised above and beyond that target.**

**One of our goals is to have 100% participation.  
If you have not yet responded, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

**Our campaign is based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift.** Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support this campaign for both our Parish and our Diocese. Please respond generously. It is only through prayer and sacrifice that we can make this campaign successful. Make your gift today to help reduce the number of follow-up calls our Campaign Committee will have to make over the next few weeks.

*Please detach the form below and submit through the Offertory collection.*

### RECLAIMING CHRIST'S MISSION TOGETHER ✦ DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

Name: _____	In appreciation for God's gifts, I/we pledge the following: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Address: _____	Payable as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually For: <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Amount Pledged: \$ _____
Phone (H): _____	<b>PAYMENTS TO BEGIN ON</b> Month: _____ Year: _____
E-mail: _____	
Parish: _____ City: _____	Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____	Balance Due: \$ _____
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY PLEASE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card/Direct Debit	<b>PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:</b> Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together
<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other Payment: _____	Please see reverse side for authorization forms for Credit Card and Direct Debit. For questions regarding gifts of stock, please contact the Office for Mission Advancement at (510) 893-4711.

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### Welcome Bishop Barber SJ

Saint Augustine Church, Oakland, welcomes Bishop Barber and thanks him for his leadership. May God continue to bless your Ministry to the People of God.

### A peek at the New Encyclical

The encyclical is titled "Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home," which translates "praised be," the first words of St. Francis' "Canticle of the Creatures." "Laudato si" is the introductory phrase to eight verses of St. Francis of Assisi's famous prayer thanking God for the gifts of creation.

"Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom you give us light," one of the first lines says. The prayer also praises God for the gifts of "Sister Moon," "Brother Wind," "Sister Water," "Brother Fire" and "Sister Mother Earth."

More than fifty years ago, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear crisis, Pope Saint John XXIII wrote an Encyclical which not only rejected war but offered a proposal for peace. He addressed his message Pacem in Terris to the entire "Catholic world" and indeed "to all men and women of good will".

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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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Pope Francis says, "Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet. In my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), I wrote to all the members of the Church with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal. In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home, earth.'

It cannot be emphasized enough how everything is interconnected. Time and space are not independent of one another, and not even atoms or subatomic particles can be considered in isolation. Just as the different aspects of the planet – physical, chemical and biological – are interrelated, so, too, living species are part of a network which we will never fully explore and understand. A good part of our genetic code is shared by many living beings. It follows that the fragmentation of knowledge and the isolation of bits of information can actually become a form of ignorance, unless they are integrated into a broader vision of reality. – (§138)

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:**

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, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, 6 p.m.

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**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015: \$5,128 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$99.39

**Dates to Remember:**

June 28th: Bishop Michael Barber, SJ will preside at the 10:30 am Mass

July 25th and 26th: Baptism Weekend

August 30th: Feast of St. Augustine

**Question of the Week**

**For Adults:**

When have you felt enriched by a sacrifice you made for another?

**For Children:**

Whom could you help by your acts of kindness this week?

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Olivewood handcrafted from the HolyLand A Traditional Art and Livelihood for HolyLand Christians will be visiting St. Augustine's on Saturday July 4, and Sunday July 5.

The Olivewood carving industries has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many HolyLand Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. The items are carved by local craftsmen.

Many families are facing critical situations. Without income, many craftsmen and families leave their tradition trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their Homeland. Christian presence in the Holy Land has extended from the Pentecost to the present 60 years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the population and now represent less than 2%.The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian Tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.



FR. SEAN TOOLE'S FIRST MASS, JUNE 21, 2015

**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.**

