



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are blessed to be one family of God, a multicultural community of believers whose mission is "to know Christ better and make Him better known." We are one family in faith, sharing in the responsibility of building up the Church of God in the East Bay and ensuring the ongoing vitality of our diocesan Church for future generations.

As we prepare for the future, we have an opportunity to renew our commitment to God and one another. I invite you to be a part of the *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* campaign; our historic endeavor to strengthen our local parish communities and our diocesan Church. This \$65 million campaign will enhance our ability to educate and form our children and young adults, provide increased pastoral and spiritual care, expand services for the "least of our brothers and sisters," provide for our retired clergy, strengthen our parishes and improve the overall financial condition of our Church of the East Bay.

As I hold you in my prayers, I also ask you to please pray for me and for the success of our diocesan capital campaign.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

The Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign kicks off the week of April 6th. Our goal is \$259,794. St. Augustine's portion is 25% of the total raised, so \$64,948 will stay directly in our Parish if the goal is met.

We will be forming a Campaign Committee that includes the following: General Chairperson, Parish Outreach Chairperson, Parish Outreach Team, Reception Coordinator, and Campaign Secretary. Any parishioner interested in serving should contact Fr. Augustine.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults

When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

For Children

When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

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Holy Year of Mercy

A Jubilee Year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic Church has called Jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special jubilee years from time to time, known as extraordinary Jubilee Years.

The last Jubilee year was held in 2000 during the papacy of Pope John Paul II and was known as "the Great Jubilee." The last extraordinary Jubilee Year was held in 1983 to celebrate 1,950 years since the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In announcing the Holy Year, Pope Francis said, "I am convinced that the whole church -- that has much need to receive mercy because we are sinners -- will find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time,".

"Let us not forget that God pardons and God pardons always," the pope continued. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness."

"We entrust it as of now to the Mother of Mercy, because she looks to us with her gaze and watches over our way," Francis said. "Our penitential way, our way of open hearts, during a year to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."

The pope also said he wants the church to live the upcoming holy year "in the light" of Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Announcing the closing date, the pope added a new term to the title of Christ celebrated that day, also calling Jesus "the living face of the mercy of the Father."

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage Question and Answer informational meeting

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage being held on March 21, 2015 (New Date) 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Raymond Church, 11555 Shannon Ave in Dublin. Belinda Held, Unitours, Inc. tour director will be on hand to answer all travel questions about the Marian Shrines Pilgrimage October 5 – October 2015 to Portugal, Spain and France. Light refreshments will be served.

R.S.V.P. CatholicVoicePilgrimage@gmail.com<mailto:CatholicVoicePilgrimage@gmail.com> or call 724-679-7450.



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Mission Statement

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

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:

Anita Eble, Elizabeth Carter, Karen Miller, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguing, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:

Joan Morris, Hortense Atkins, Evelyn Vega, George Shaw, Cora Jose, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Juanita Morris.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21st, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, March 22nd, 2015 8 a.m.

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John Coady (-)

Sunday, March 22nd, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

March 15th, 2015: \$3,876.00 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$174.63

Dates to Remember:

Friday March 27, Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM

Wednesday March 25, Evening Prayer 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday

Monday, March 30th, Reconciliation Service, 7 PM

Thursday, April 2nd: Holy Thursday: Mass at 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd: Seven Last Words at 12 Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3:30 PM and The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7 PM

Saturday, April 4th: Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM

Sunday, April 5th: Easter Masses at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 5th: **NO 6 PM MASS**

Wednesday, April 15th Baptism Class 7 PM

Sunday, April 26, Baptism 10:30 am Mass

A Note from St. Vincent de Paul

The Easter Bunny has been busy preparing baskets for distribution to the children of those who we serve. To help pay for these we will be selling some special Easter Baskets after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday March 22.

A reminder to use the Rice Bowl for your Lenten giving tradition. In years past this was for the foreign missions, but today 25% is given to needs for food locally. We here at St Augustine's food pantry have received a Grant for the past 3 years of \$600 from the

Rice Bowl Charity through the Catholic Relief Society (CRS). This month of March has 5 Sundays, so March 28 and 29 will be our special collection.

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 a.m. on following days in 2015: April 12th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th.

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.

Family Lent Gathering and Crafts Morning

All Families (*parents with children*) are invited to attend this wonderful event on Sunday, March 22 at 9am in the Gym.

Much like our popular wreath making party in Advent, this morning is a way for you and your children to make the lent season come alive. Come learn about the Stations of the Cross and how to bring the stations into your family's lent experience. There will be a prayer and craft activity for your family in which you will work together to depict one station through drawing and reading.

Flyers about the party are on the Family Table in the entrance of the church. You can also email Jenny GirardMalley, FamilyFaith Formation, jennysacc@gmail.com, with questions or to RSVP.



Week 5:

Controlling the Lake

As the old proverb goes, *Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.* This is a good insight, but who owns the lake?

Addressing poverty also requires us to look at structural problems. The global economy and American society is stacked against those who have less. How can we ensure that our societies provide a "preferential option for the poor," as our faith calls for?

The Lake's Potential

[W]hat happens when the fish disappear from the lake due to pollution and overfishing?

Then it's time for a change in strategy. Someone has to figure out how to get control of the lake: stop the pollutants, issue fishing licenses, put wildlife-management policies in place. Teaching a man to fish is an individual matter, but gaining control of the lake is a community issue.

That's why we call it "community development" and not



human services. While those of us in community development value personal, hands-on, high-touch ministry, we also see that there are larger issues that have an impact on person's potential for growth. What good is job training if the available jobs won't enable a man to support his family? Or what benefit is homeownership if the home is in a deteriorating, crime-infested neighborhood? If we are to teach people to both fish and thrive, we must figure out how to make use of the lake's potential.

– Robert D. Lupton, *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse it)*

Pope Francis on Poverty

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis addresses poverty at length. Here are a couple excerpts. Read more on our website (see below).

[Mark 6:37] means working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor, as well as small daily acts of solidarity in meeting the real needs which we encounter. [188]

[Solidarity] refers to more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few. [188]

Learn More on the Website

Poverty Infographics – "What Does it Mean to be Poor in America?" "Poverty Line Problems."

A Short Video – "Wealth Inequality in America: 9 out of 10 Americans are Completely Wrong About This Mind-Blowing Fact"

Visit:

<http://gospel.link/helping5>