



## St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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# Thank you for Attending!

### Campaign Receptions

Fr. Augustine and the campaign committee would like to give a big thank you to all the families who came out to attend a campaign reception to learn about the *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* campaign. We would also like to give a huge thank you out to those who volunteered to help.

### Learn about the Campaign!

Bishop Barber has called on all the parishes in the diocese to participate in the campaign. There are plenty of ways you can learn about our part as a parish in the diocesan-wide capital campaign. Informational brochures are available in the back of the church. You will also receive materials in the mail over the next couple of weeks and we ask that you take the time to review them.

***In order to be successful, we will need the prayers and support of all the members of our parish family. In the coming weeks, you will receive information about the campaign through the mail, in the bulletin and from fellow parishioners. We ask for your fullest attention, consideration and prayers for the campaign so that we may reap the benefits within our parish and our Diocese. Remember, success depends on ALL of us!***

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### Additional Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Information

May 30th & 31st: Video Weekend

June 6th & 7th: Chairperson Weekend

June 13th & 14th: Commitment Weekend # 1

June 20th & 21st: Commitment Weekend #2

June 27th & 28th: Follow Up Weekend

### Follow the Diocese and Capital Campaign Online!

A special website has been set up for the campaign where you can watch the campaign video, read details about the campaign, and make a gift to the campaign. The website is [www.reclaimtogether.org](http://www.reclaimtogether.org). You can also follow the diocese and the campaign via social media by visiting the **Oakland Diocese Facebook page:** [www.facebook.com/oakdiocese](http://www.facebook.com/oakdiocese), **Twitter page:** [www.twitter.com/oakdiocese](http://www.twitter.com/oakdiocese), or **LinkedIn:** [www.linkedin.com/company/diocese-of-oakland](http://www.linkedin.com/company/diocese-of-oakland).

You can also follow **Bishop Barber's blog** by visiting <https://bishopbarbersj.wordpress.com>

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### Right to life

Bishops of California are alerting the faithful about SB 128 – a piece of legislation that is currently working its way through the California legislature. It is also called the **End of Life bill**. This bill is an attempt to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

The advocates of SB 128 are emphasizing the emotional component – Death with Dignity. Our Catholic faith is rich in teaching on the dignity of the human person, on respect for the inherent value of our lives and the importance of true end-of-life preparation. The words of Pope Francis are a powerful reminder to us: “even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect” (July 2013)

This legislation will be vigorously opposed by a diverse group of organizations representing doctors, people with disabilities, faith-based organizations, hospitals, hospice, minorities, the poor and the uninsured.

Catholic social teaching tells us that we are created in the image of God; therefore, we hold life to be sacred from conception to natural death. **We believe that we are stewards—not owners—of our lives.**

As such, the California Catholic Conference remains steadfast in our opposition to assisted suicide and any attempts to legalize it, and therefore, strongly opposes SB 128. Assisted suicide represents misguided public policy, which would have numerous detrimental implications for vulnerable people and impact our society negatively. Everyone is invited to pray that our fundamental right, Right to life, is protected.

Please ask your Senator to vote “NO” on SB 128.

### Feast of Pentecost

It is considered as the birth day of the Church. It is through the powerful descending of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2) that the Church came into being, the community of believers. The Holy Spirit moved a group of scared men and women to proclaim the message of salvation “in season and out of season” to the ends of the earth! May the Holy Spirit come into our own lives to transform us from weak, discouraged, dispirited or frightened people to strong, enthusiastic, joyful and courageous people of God (Church) and bring the Word of God to people around us.

Fr. Augustine



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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:**

Jasmine Harris, Suzy Arnhart, Frances Delegeane, Evelyn Tude, Carol Sobrano, Elizabeth Carter, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Tom Hayes, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson., Patty Wiesner.

**And those who have died:**

*Rose Domaguing, Mary Pavao, Sunny Gustafson, Joan Morris, Hortense Atkins, Evelyn Vega, George Shaw, Cora Jose, Kay Irwin, Timothy Michael Solovieff, Juanita Morris.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

**Angel T. Sanchez Sr. (+)**

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Lee Ann Greenwell (-)**

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6 p.m.

**Julie Johns (-)**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015: \$4,881.00 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship: \$201.60

**Next week we will have our Fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul.**

**Dates to Remember**

Saturday, May 30th: Family/Parent Faith Formation meeting at 9:30 am in the cafeteria.

June 6th: Corpus Christi

June 21st: Fr. Sean Toole will preside at the 6 PM Mass

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

July 25th and 26th: Baptism Weekend

**We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, May 24, 2015, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafeteria. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.**

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

Catholic Charities of the East Bay presents  
Transforming Lives Tour.

One Thursday, June 11, at 11:45 am, Mary Owens has scheduled a Catholic Charities tour for parishioners of St. Augustine's. You will learn more about their programs and hear from their staff, clients and volunteers as they fulfill Pope Francis' call to "transform and serve". If you are interested, please contact Linda in the Rectory office at (510) 653-8631.

**Sunday Potluck**

Join us on Sunday night, June 7, in the church cafeteria for a potluck dinner following the 6 pm Mass to welcome new folks to the parish. Dishes can be brought to the rectory in the 15 minutes before Mass starts. Bring a friend!

**Question of the Week**

**For Adults:**

What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it?

**For Children:**

What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

**Please Note New Day**

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](mailto:lilac52@gmail.com) or 415-935-1729

**A Note from St. Vincent de Paul**

If you are thinking of Spring Cleaning, our Big Blue Van will be in the parking lot on May 30th, from 10 am to 6 pm, and on 31st from 9 am to 1 pm. We will welcome your "gently used" clothing, furniture, home items and electronics. This is an extra "Bundle Weekend" this year.

Fr. Augustine will be on a priests' retreat the week of June 1 through June 6th.

**Welcome Bishop Michael Barber, SJ**

Please join our Community as we welcome Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, who will be presiding at our 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 28.



**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.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters - I wanted to inform you that our school tenant, EBI (Escuela Bilingue Internacional) will be doing many improvements to the interior and exterior of the school building this summer. EBI has been a wonderful tenant and partner for almost 10 years. We are lucky to have such a good steward with whom to share our St. Augustine campus.

I wanted to make you aware of some of these changes, so we all understand why additional activity and extra equipment may be on site for several months this summer. Specifically EBI will do repairs and upgrades to the windows, which will directly improve the look of the school. They will paint some of the exterior as well, and possibly rearranging some of their outdoor features.

Inside, EBI plans to upgrade bathrooms and classrooms and homogenize decades of paint colors. With an old building, one can expect lead. EBI has informed me that they will be working with certified contractors and following all federal guidelines when in contact with any lead paint. They are taking this particular aspect of the renovations very seriously, and I trust they will be in compliance.

We look forward to the new improvements,

-Father Augustine