



St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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What will St. Augustine do with our portion of the campaign proceeds?

Support of Local Parish Projects

One of the major case elements of our **Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together** Campaign is the Support of our Local Parish projects.

Every parish will have a financial goal equal to 110 percent of the offertory average for 2010, 2011 and 2012. Through the parish share component of the campaign, 25 percent of all funds generated up to the parish goal will be returned to the parish to be used for identified individual needs. Additionally, once a parish surpasses its goal, 50 percent of the funds raised over the goal will be returned. Through the parish share component, we hope to realize at least \$12.7 million in funding for parish needs.

These local parish projects can include maintaining parish and church structures, reducing parish debt, establishing endowments to generate income for the parish, pastoral ministries or schools and increasing personnel or resources for faith formation, social justice and outreach to the poor, needy and vulnerable.

Total Parish Goal: \$259,794

St. Augustine will receive 25% of every dollar, from the first dollar, raised up to our total campaign goal of \$259,794 and 50% of every dollar raised over our goal to address local parish needs.

Here at St. Augustine, we have the potential of receiving \$64,948 over the next four years if we meet our total campaign goal. We will use our proceeds for:

- **Projects to improve safety of parish including repairs to church/rectory stairs, repair of asphalt, PG&E shut-off valve, and E-House gutters, replace broken gym windows**
- **New Boiler for church/school**

Next weekend you will see the campaign video, which will explain the campaign elements. Pledge weekend is June 13 & 14! On Pledge weekend, Fr. Augustine will address the parishioners at all Masses and ask for their commitment to the campaign. If you haven't made a pledge to the campaign thus far, we'd ask you to prayerfully consider what you can sacrifice. You should receive campaign materials in the mail, including a pledge card, and we'd ask that you bring your filled out pledge card to Mass next weekend!

We are asking every parish family to participate in the campaign, no gift is too big or too small! Remember, it's not about equal giving, but equal sacrifice!

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Additional Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Information

June 6th & 7th: Video Weekend

June 13th & 14th: Commitment Weekend # 1

June 20th & 21st: Commitment Weekend #2

June 27th & 28th: Follow Up Weekend

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Be ordinary

We are in the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. It is the season of the Christian liturgical calendar, particularly the calendar of the ordinary form of the Roman rite of the Catholic Church, although some other rites in Western Christianity also use this term. The English name "ordinary time" is translated from the Latin term *Tempus per annum* (literally "time through the year").

In our culture of adulation for celebrities, Superman, heroes and heroines the word 'ordinary' seem too mundane or inconsequential or trivial. Yet it is the ordinary that sustains the extraordinary or the exceptional.

Ordinary time is a time for Christian growth. As the **Parable of the Growing Seed** (Mark 4) indicates:

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head".

It is the Holy Spirit working in us invisible, non-obtruded, silently, yet steadily, that characterizes the season and the growth it purports.

May the ordinary time nourish and strengthen us and prepare us for our journey of Christian life!

Spiritual Retreat: I will be making my annual Spiritual Retreat from June 1st to the 6th. I recommend myself to your kind prayers that I may return spiritually renewed and refreshed. I will be praying for all the members of our parish during this time. Thank you.

Father 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 30th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, May 31st, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, May 31st, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Nitya Litzler (-)

Sunday, May 31st, 2015, 6 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

May 24th, 2015: \$3,831.00 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$60.00

A memorial Mass for Sunny Gustafson, a longtime member of St. Augustine, will be held Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow immediately afterward in the rear of the church. We'll have great New Orleans music and a lot of good food. Please RSVP to Jack Cheevers, at jscheevers@gmail.com, or [510 530 5854](tel:5105305854).

Dates to Remember

June 7th: 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 31st, 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 signs of God's love have you witnessed this week?

For Children:

How can you be a sign of God's love to others this week?

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 or [415-935-1729](tel:4159351729)

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: June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

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