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Around the parish: Just as we are all aging, so too are our buildings and facilities. We have been working hard to keep them up. Recently we have fixed the restrooms in the gym, repaired the asphalt where it was failing, painted the gym door and refinished the signs on the gym wall. People have commented that our fence reminds them of the World War II concentration camps! We have it painted on the Alcatraz side to make it more welcoming and friendly.

Parish pastoral council: The new team for the parish pastoral council is taking shape. I thank the many people who generously gave their time and talent to serve as members of the council. Kindly pray that the service of our council members may inspire every member of our church to be actively involved in building up the body of Christ, the Church.

Happy feast of Christ the King. Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat! (Christ is the victor, Christ is King, Christ is the ruler of the world.)

Father Augustine Joseph

The Rectory will be closed next Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Art and Environment Committee would like to invite all interested parishioners to help ready the church for the Advent season. We will meet on Saturday, November 28th from 10:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m. All are welcome, for any length of time that fits in your schedule. Thank you.

Blessings,
Maureen

Looking for a way to become more centered? Have a mind freer for prayer? Move from your head to your heart? Have a more balanced, flexible body?

When: November 24 - Dec. 1, 2015 7:00-8:00PM, Presented by Sister Celeste Crine

Electronic Funds Transfer
IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!
Application Forms are in the back of the church

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Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared 2016 as the Year of Mercy. The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and ends with the Feast of Christ the King, 2016. It may be good for us to have a brief reflection on mercy and what it means for each one of us.

The Bible is full of references to mercy and kindness. There are many stories and parables proclaiming the 'mercies of the Lord'. In Daniel 3 we read: "his **mercy** endures forever." Psalm 23 says, "Surely goodness and **mercy** shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."

In Saint Matthew 5 Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive **mercy**. Saint Luke's Gospel is described as the Gospel of Mercy. We have, in Luke, the great parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and the prodigal son. "By the tender **mercy** of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us," Lk. 1:78.

For me, mercy simply means kindness in action. Mercy has an action component and is best described in Matthew 25, as 'giving food and drink to the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison, etc.' Also the corporal works of mercy tells us the same: To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To harbor the harborless; To visit the sick; To ransom the captive; To bury the dead.

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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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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Karen Miller, Virginia Nelson, Bob Shobar, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, John Meadows, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato.

And those who have died:

Marilyn La Placa, Mary Flynn, Rose Thomas, Michael McGuiness, Mary Hazen, Margaret Johnson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

E.T. Thomas (-)

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

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, November 22nd, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Jay Mitchell (-)

Sunday November 22nd, 2015, 6 p.m.

Marian Esau (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

November 15th, 2015: \$3,137.00 (*Includes EFT*)
SVDP Stewardship: \$136.68

Next Sunday November the 29th is the 5th Sunday of the month and the traditional Sunday for the Second Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Conference. This is a very special collection because we will have just distributed over 100 food boxes for the needy families in our area. This requires a large out lay of purchases and food donations to complete, and December and Christmas are close by. This means a fairly quick restocking of the pantry for our regular 2nd Wednesday of the month bags, and for the filling of the Christmas boxes to be distributed. We try to make these holiday boxes something a little special to provide a traditional meal. We hope you will help us provide for what we do. Please be generous (as you always have been). The families we serve are so very happy and thankful for what we do, it is a special time. We ask that you join us in this special time of year. Holiday Blessings to all.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May in St. Theresa Event Center (4850 Clarewood Dr., Oakland), meeting room 1 at 9:15am with hospitality followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15am. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. The Fall season is devoted to catechesis, exploring and enriching knowledge of Catholic tradition, often on topics of interest requested by the women. Opening day is October 7th. Our theme for the year is All Are Welcome. *For more information, or to attend as a guest, contact Courtenay Redis at courtenaymorganredis@gmail.com*

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

For Children:

How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

Ministry Week in a Glance

Wednesday, Nov 25th @ 6pm - RCIA

Thursday, Nov 26th @ 10am - Mass

Saturday, Nov 27th @ 10:30 am - Advent Decorating

Sunday, Nov 29th @ 9:10 - Reconciliation FF

Sunday, Nov 29th - No CLW

Dates to Remember

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Mass, 10 am.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th, Evening Prayer, at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses, at 8:30 am & 7 pm.

Saturday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe play, at 5 pm.

Monday, December 21, Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 pm.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay wants to be of assistance. [Oakland- RENTAL, DEPOSIT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE.](#)

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Steve Mullin

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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: December 6.

Calling all Crafters, Bakers, and Creative Folks!

St. Augustine Church
 Annual Craft Fair is Nov. 22.

Do you knit, sew, crochet, craft, do woodwork, carve, bake, paint, draw, or make the best soaps, ornaments, wreaths, candles, baked goods, gift baskets or whatnot? Do you have friends who do?

If you have homemade goods to sell, we NEED you!

Please contact Lorrie Soria at 510-914-0847 by November 15. Table cost is \$25 or 15% of sales – Table costs benefit St. Augustine's St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator

Over the next couple of weeks the Faith Formation children (families) will be preparing for the Advent season. This is a joyous time of anticipation for all of us, as we look forward to time with family and friends. May we also remember those in need, less fortunate than us. I hope that everyone will take the time to consider what you may be able to do for another. Our giving tree, SVdP pantry and One Warm Coat are just a few opportunities to help in our Parish.

Is there a ministry you may be interested in joining? We would love to have you join us in celebration with our community. I am available after any Mass to share information.

Please pray with me that our parish will continue to grow in God's love and holiness!

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.