

**ST. THERESA PARISH OFFERS IGNATIAN PRAYER ADVENTURE****JANUARY 19 through MARCH 22, 2016**

Deepen your spiritual life, Grow in your relationship with God and Jesus, Learn new prayer methods, Experience new means of discernment, Share the graces of the retreat in a small group setting.

**The Retreat will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 in St. Theresa Meeting Rooms.** The cost of the Exercises is \$120 per person and includes all materials and 5 one-on-one meetings with a Spiritual Director.

**Financial support is available and cost should never be a reason to not attend.**

If you are interested in participating, please complete the Sign-up sheet found in the back of the Church or contact:

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**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:** December 1, 2015 7:00-8:00PM, Presented by Sister Celeste Crine

**Where:** St Augustine Church, Alcatraz Ave, Oakland

**Electronic Funds Transfer**  
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 Application Forms are in the back of the church

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**New Liturgical Year**

So it is refueling time, or to be more eco-friendly, recharging time – Advent or the beginning of the new liturgical year. At the end of our trip we recharge to begin anew. The year 2015 is coming to a close and we are invited to prepare for 2016. In the Church Advent is precisely a time given to us for preparing for the coming of the Lord.

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is an anglicized version of the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

As a preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, during Advent, we remember the fulfillment of God's promise in Jesus Christ, our messiah. It is hope fulfilled for humanity. The second coming is hope yet to be fulfilled. So Advent can be described as a time of hope. As we enter into the season of Advent it is our hope that there will be lasting peace, people will learn to live in peace and harmony, nations and leaders will work together for the common good and there will be an end to war, violence and terrorism. We pray for the coming of God's kingdom where there will be no more sorrow, no more suffering and pain.

Practices associated with Advent include keeping an Advent calendar, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, as well as other ways of preparing for Christmas, such as setting up Christmas decorations. Liturgical color for advent is purple/violet or blue.

Father Augustine

**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:**

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

**And those who have died:**

*Marilyn La Placa, Mary Flynn, Rose Thomas, Michael McGuinness, Frankie*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Marian Esau (+)**

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Rose Thomas (+)**

Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6 p.m.

**Marian Esau**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015: \$ 2,990 (*Includes EFT*)

*SVDP Stewardship: \$31.88*

*Campaign for Homan Development: \$320*

**Marycare**

I heard about Marycare from its president, my dear friend Anne Bates, and I was immediately struck by the grass-roots nature of this organization. During the past 20 years Marycare has helped impoverished communities in Argentina, the Philippines, Haiti—communities that have been oppressed and isolated for ethnic, religious, racial or political reasons. Now Marycare is in southern Nigeria, working under the guidance of local Nigerian leaders and Fr. Emmanuel, a Nigerian priest who is pastor of 2 parishes in Hartford, Connecticut. First Marycare dug a well to bring clean water to the priest's home village of Umuoduwa, one of the five villages of Ejemekwuru, a town of 10,000 people in Imo State in rural Nigeria. This means not only that the mortality rate has declined dramatically, but also that the children previously taking hours to fetch dirty water from the river can now be in school. Marycare has also recently built a medical clinic in Umuoduwa which is already attracting patients from the other villages in Ejemekwuru, and also in the region at large—an area with no nearby medical facilities. Within the next 2 months they will be sending a large container of beds and equipment to the clinic. Donations will be used for medicines, and for paying local doctors and nurses to educate and cure people. Nurse educator Rose teaches patients as they wait to see a doctor that sickness is not caused by evil spirits, but often by poor hand-washing, and/or by not seeing a doctor when, for example, a baby begins to get chest congestion. These people are victims of the Biafra Massacre in which 1 & 1/2 million to 3 million people were starved to death for trying to become independent in 1996-70. Now they are finally through Marycare receiving help where other organizations have failed because of corruption. Marycare always collaborates with the community leaders already in place--that way there is a mutual giving and receiving among all. 95% of Marycare's donations go directly to its programs because of its completely volunteer staff in the USA. Please consider making a donation to this extremely worthy charitable foundation whose mission it is to work with the poorest of the poor. You can find out more about it on their webpage, Marycare.org, and I am also happy to talk or reply to emails from any of you. Anne Perkins ([grannyannieperkins@gmail.com](mailto:grannyannieperkins@gmail.com)) 314-853-7365)

**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: December 6.

**Question of the Week****For Adults:**

What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during Advent season?

**For Children:**

What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

**Dates to Remember**

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.

Thursday, December 24th, Midnight Mass starting at 11:30 pm with Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Mass at 10:30 am.

There is no 8 am Mass on Christmas Day.

**This 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.

**Calling all singers!**

**The Choir of St. Augustine will start rehearsing for Christmas and all are welcome to join us. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday December 2nd at 7:00pm**

**For further information talk to Paul.**

**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.**

