

The Bishop has asked us to help him respond to questions sent to him by Pope Francis and the Synod Fathers in preparation for the Synod on Marriage and the Family that will take place this October. He especially asks that all levels of the Church's life respond to these questions. Therefore he has put a questionnaire online in both English and Spanish that he asks all of you to fill out online in the next two weeks. This is an important contribution we can make to the prayerful reflection of the whole Church on this important part of life.

The questionnaire can be found at: [www.oakdiocese.org/survey](http://www.oakdiocese.org/survey)

#### Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday, Masses at 8:30 AM and 7 PM

Wednesday, February 25, March 4, March 22, March 18, March 25, Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Reconciliation Service, 7 PM

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holy Thursday: Mass at 7 PM

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

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Vigil at 8 PM

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Masses at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

##### For Adults

When have you felt the sadness of Job?  
When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?

##### For Children

What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

#### Art and Environment Update:

The change from Ordinary Time to Lent will be Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m.  
There will be refreshments at both occasions

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#### Jubilee- Thank you

I want to thank all the members of our community for your prayers and support for the celebration of my priestly ordination jubilee in India. It went off well. There were about 600 people who joined me in thanking God for this wonderful gift.

My parents, who are both in their late eighties, were able to come to Church and participate in the Holy Mass. It has been almost a year since my dad last went to Church. He is quite bedridden and unable to walk. We are truly blessed.

Some members of the choir that sang 25 years ago at my ordination were present and sang for the Jubilee Mass. One of the sisters who taught me in 4<sup>th</sup> grade is still around and was overjoyed to participate in the festivities.

It is wonderful to walk down one's memory lane. The Church where one was baptized, received First Communion and other sacraments are special to us. It is a time to remember with gratitude and love, our parents, siblings, the friends we grew up with, our teachers, our family members and neighbors and all others who have all assisted us in different ways in our journey of life. So jubilee is a celebration of gratitude – to God, our Blessed Mother Mary and to the many people in our lives.

Jubilee can also help to heal our memories, if healing is necessary!

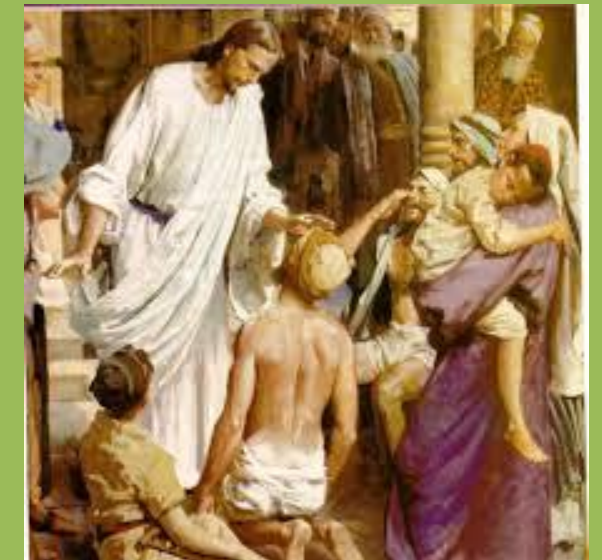
The Bible, especially, the Old Testament has references to the Jubilee year. "...It shall be a **jubilee** for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family." "...For it is a **jubilee**; it shall be holy to you" Leviticus 25: 10, 12.

Probably the words of Saint Paul sums up the scope of a Jubilee celebration. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with **gratitude** in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." Colossians 3:16.

"I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted Your name and Your word above everything. On the day I called, You answered me; You increased my strength of soul. ..." Psalm 138.

I hope to have a celebration for our parish community together with my friends from other parishes, sometime in November of this year.

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 have been placed in **Hospice care**: Marilyn La Placa.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**

Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Patty Wiesner, Mary Flynn, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguang, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard, Juanita Estralles.

**And those who have died:**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

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

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Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Roger Arnhart III (-)**

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015:\$5,313 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$183.90

**We will continue our Bible Study** this Sunday, February 8, 2015, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Rectory dining room. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

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

End of year tax statements are now available for registered parishioners. Please call Linda in the Rectory office at (510) 653-8631 if you would like a copy mailed to you.

**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.**

**First Sunday Potluck**

Join us in the rectory dining room on Sunday night, February 1st, 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!

Please come and join us every Tuesday morning at St. Augustine's, combining elements of Taizé music, contemplative prayer, and liturgy of the hours. The service will begin 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

**FR. AUGUSTINE'S 25TH YEAR JUBILEE**



Fr. Augustine and his parents



The Sanctuary of the Church



The Concelebrants



Fr. Augustine J. Kuzhikkannamthadathil

**Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination**  
Jan. 2, 1990 - 2015.

God is my strength and salvation.  
(Isaiah 15:2)

In God my heart trusts.  
(Ps. 28:7)

Mother of God pray for priests.



Thank you God for your merciful blessings, especially for choosing me to be your priest unworthy though I am.

Lord Bless my family, friends and all who have assisted me; bless all the people I am privileged to serve.

Mutholapuram  
Jan.24, 2015.