

St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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Our *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* Campaign Begins!

As a diocesan faith family, we celebrate the recent appointment of our fifth Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J. After much thought, prayer, and consultation with his priests and other advisors, Bishop Barber has made the decision to lead the faithful in an ambitious endeavor to provide the means for the Diocese to strengthen and stabilize the Diocese's long-term financial footing, increase funding for parish projects and needs, and to demonstrate sound stewardship over the gifts the Diocese has already received.

The faithful of the Diocese are being invited to join Bishop Barber in the *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* Campaign. The funds raised in this first-ever diocesan wide campaign will generate the financial means needed to further our mission throughout the East Bay and secure a solid financial foundation for our future. Through this effort, we can renew, strengthen, sustain and expand ministries to those who are most in need, building a foundation for a continued vibrancy in the local Church for generations to come.

Our *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* Campaign will be a key first step in our collective response to meet our Diocesan needs. The goal is to raise \$65,000,000 in pledges to support seven key priorities:

LOCAL PARISHES	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	CATHOLIC CHARITIES	ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
\$12.7	\$10	\$4	\$4
<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>
PLANNED DEBT RESTRUCTURE	PRIESTS' RETIREMENT BENEFITS TRUST	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING	
\$30	\$2	\$1.5	
<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>Million</i>	

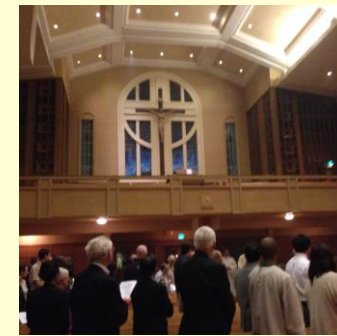
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An Easter Message From Fr. Augustine

We had a great celebration of Easter. It is important that we carry the message of Easter every day of our lives. It is a message of hope - a hope that is ultimate and final.

Ordinarily, our life is filled with "little hopes" that bring meaning and purpose to our daily lives.

A young person, perhaps, hopes to graduate and find a well-paying job to be successful in life and have health, happiness and love. But at the end of the day we realize that these and other "little hopes" do not fulfill us. We keep on seeking and a restlessness seems to invade our very being. As Saint Augustine is famously said to have cried out 'My heart is restless, O Lord, until it rests in Thee.'

Easter connects us to that ultimate place or person, where our hearts can find rest. That is why Easter or the resurrection of Christ is for all eternity, alpha and the omega, all times and seasons belong to Him.

When we carry the Easter spirit in our hearts we truly become Christians and Alleluia is our hymn.

In the name of all parishioners I want to thank everyone who worked hard to make our celebration of the resurrection of Christ truly spiritual, meaningful and festive.

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:

Anita Eble, Elizabeth Carter, Karen Miller, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguing, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:

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, April 11th, 2015, 8:30 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, April 12th, 2015 8 a.m.

Arnold Gil D. Sanchez (+)

Sunday, April 12th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Susan Mulloy (-)

Sunday, April 12th 2015, 6 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

April 5th, 2015: \$5,785.50 (*Easter - does not include EFT*)

Good Friday, April 3, 2015: \$893.00

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, April 15th Baptism Class 7 PM

Sunday, April 26, Baptism 10:30 am Mass

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, April 12, 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

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

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.

A Note from St. Vincent de Paul

A reminder to use the Rice Bowl for your Lenten giving tradition. In years past this was for the foreign missions, but today 25% is given to needs for food locally. We here at St Augustine's food pantry have received a Grant for the past 3 years of \$600. from the Rice Bowl Charity through the Catholic Relief Society (CRS).

Also if you are thinking of Spring Cleaning, our Big Blue Van will be in the parking lot on May 30 and 31. We will welcome your "gently used" clothing, furniture, home items and electronics. This is an extra "Bundle Weekend" this year.

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:415-935-1729)

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 9:15 am with hospitality followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15 am. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. For more information, or to attend as a guest, contact Courtenay Redis atcourtenaymorganredis@gmail.com.



2015 Easter Vigil

Please turn in your Rice Bowl boxes in the basket on the registration table in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely.

For Children:

What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?