



St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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Campaign Prayer

God the Father of mercies,
Creator and Giver of all that is good:
we thank You for the many blessings
You have bestowed upon us.
We offer You thanks and praise
for the beauty of the earth,
for those who have handed down our faith from
generation to generation,
for our work, our family and our loved ones.

Open our hearts to Your call,
teach us to serve You as you deserve,
as good stewards of Your many graces.
With hope and trust,
we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit
to guide our good work and to be with us
as we strive to reclaim our mission
to know Christ better and to make Him better
known.

We remain grateful for Your constant love,
and entrust our journey into Your hands,
through the intercession of our Blessed Mother,
Queen of the World.

Amen.

We Need Your Prayers...

Our campaign is off to a wonderful start. You should have received an invitation in the mail in regards to the campaign. You will also continue to see information in the bulletin. We ask for your fullest attention, consideration and prayers for the campaign so that we all may reap the benefits within our parish and Diocese.

Over the next few weeks, we ask you to pray for the success of our campaign with our campaign prayer. This campaign is rooted in prayer and only through the prayers of our parishioners throughout the 84 parishes and missions in our Diocese, will we be successful.

Thank you for prayers. Remember, success depends on us!

Please remember to RSVP!

Every parishioner should have received an invitation to a Capital Campaign Reception. Please RSVP to attend one of our informational receptions to learn about our campaign.

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Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together

As part of the diocese of Oakland we are privileged to participate in the campaign- Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together. The campaign aims to strengthen local parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic charities, and diocesan debt restructuring and so on. It is the first time in the 60 years or so history of the diocese such a campaign has been undertaken. After much study and prayer it is seen as necessary for the vibrant growth and development of the Church.

The campaign is based on the spiritual foundation of stewardship. We are just stewards of God's gifts or, rather, temporary care takers. We brought nothing into this world and we shall take nothing out. As good stewards we are invited to share our gifts and not to hoard them for ourselves. As Saint Francis of Assisi said, "It is in giving that we receive."

Every one of us is invited to pledge toward the campaign for a period of four years. On my part I am pledging \$3000. We do not give because we have surplus or money in excess. It is the sacrifice with which we give that counts more than, perhaps, the amount. Jesus commends the poor woman who dropped in two copper coins over the wealthy who poured lots of wealth into the temple. The Lord says, "All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21: 1-4.

Our parish goal is \$259,793. This amount is to be raised within a period of four years. 25% of all the money collected in the parish will be returned to the parish for its various needs. I invite everyone to consider prayerfully making a sacrifice, a pledge, for Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign. When everyone participates in the campaign, the goal is attained easily ...many drops make up the ocean.

I pray that everyone happily participates in this campaign because we understand it as for the 'good of our Church.' Saint Paul tells us, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.**" 2 Corinthians 9:7.

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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:

Frances Delegeane, Evelyn Tude, Carol Sobrano, Elizabeth Carter, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguing, 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 18th, 2015, 8:30 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, April 19th, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, April 19th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Claudia Johnson (-)

Sunday, April 19th 2015, 6 p.m.

Mark Wilson (+)

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

April 12th, 2015: \$4,848.00 *(Includes EFT)*

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship: 211.29

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, April 26, Baptism 10:30 am Mass

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, April 19, 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: 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

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 at courtenaymorganredis@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay presents
Transforming Lives Tour.

We invite you to learn more about our programs. Hear from our staff, clients and volunteers as we fulfill Pope Francis' call to "transform and serve". Tours are on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month from 12 pm to 1 pm at our main office located at: 433 Jefferson St., Oakland, CA 94607 Please contact Debra Gunn at (510) 768-3142 or dgunn@cceb.org to attend.

2015 Tour Dates:

May 14 & 21

June 11 & 18

Please join us Sunday, April 19th after the 10:30 AM Mass for a brief presentation on the Pilgrimage of Santiago de Compostella. Parishioners Merula Furtado and Stephen Quesenberry recently returned from hiking this popular trail to the Cathedral of St. James in northern Spain. They will share information about the pilgrimage, pictures and a brief reflection on the experience.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

For Children:

What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?