

Good news!**Good news!!****Good news!!!**

The *St. Augustine's Bible Study Group* meets every Sunday after 10.30 am Holy Mass and is celebrating its two years of successful completion of reflection on the Word of God. In the first year of its launching (2014-15) we did an extensive study of the Introduction of the Old and New Testaments and an in-depth study on the Gospel of Mark.

In the second year (2015-16) we are studying the Gospel of John with shared reflections. To dive deeply into the rich theological significance of the Gospel of John, we are screening a movie on June 12 on the life and ministry of Christ according to the Gospel of John (chapter by chapter).

The Bible Study Group invites all of you to come and watch the movie and contribute to a deeper discussion on the Gospel of John, in a series beginning from June 12 for seven consecutive Sundays.

All are welcome!

Laudate Si :Section 61:

"But we need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair. Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems. Still, we can see signs that things are now reaching a breaking point, due to the rapid pace of change and degradation; these are evident in large-scale natural disasters as well as social and even financial crises, for the world's problems cannot be analyzed or

Taize Prayer

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 30 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

Prayer Tree

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 2016: June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

Electronic Funds Transfer

IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!

Application Forms are in the back of the church

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Devotional candles

Soon Saint Augustine will have electric devotional candles. Why do we have them?

Throughout the world, lighting candles is a sacred ritual. We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke the Spirit, and/or to nourish grateful living.

The sight of burning votive candles - real or electronic - is common in most Catholic churches. The candles are usually placed before statues of saints, or at shrines. But how did this tradition get its start?

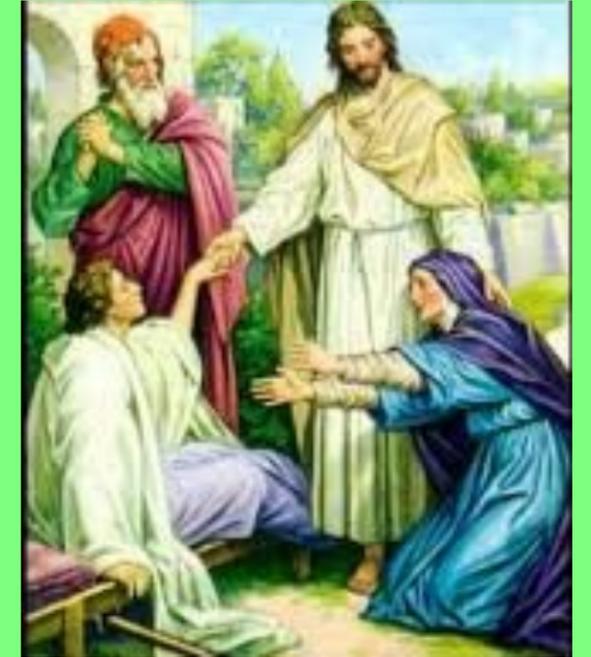
The practice of lighting candles in order to obtain some favor probably had its origins in the custom of burning lights at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs. The lights burned as a sign of solidarity with Christians still on earth. Because the lights continually burned as a silent vigil, they became known as vigil lights.

A common type of candle offering is the **votive light**. Such an offering is indicative of seeking some favor from the Lord or the saint before which the votive is placed. Saints are also powerful intercessors.

We welcome you to the practice of lighting a candle; connecting you to the universal Church – Church triumphant (heaven), Church suffering (purgatory) and Church militant (here on earth).

The total cost of the project is about \$4300. Those who would like to donate to this project are welcome. We will acknowledge donations of \$500, or more, with a plaque. If you would like to donate, please contact the parish office or Father Augustine.

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

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Maria Pestl, Virginia Nelson, Fr. Freddie's father, Thomas, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato, Patty Wiesner, Baby Benjamin.

And those who have died:

Theresia Joseph, Kathleen Bell, Patricia Burkhalter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 4th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Antonio & Julia Custodio (-)

Sunday, June 5th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Sunday, June 5th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 5th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

May 29th Collection: \$3,500.00 Includes EFT

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$137.11

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

What might a greater sense of compassion allow you to do for someone this week?

For Children:

When did you try to understand what another person was feeling?

Rosary Repairs

Is your rosary sitting in a drawer, broken and need of repair? Contact Suzy Arnhart before or after the 10:30 am Mass, and she will gladly repair it free of charge.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR VOLUNTEER DINNER!

Calling all Ministry Volunteers—Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Sacristans, Lectors, Choir Members, Altar Care Servers, Collection Counters, RCIA Team, Faith Formation Catechists, CLW volunteers, St. Vincent dePaul team, Rosary team, Prayer Tree members, Welcoming team, Church Environment team, Ushers, Greeters, and Hospitality team, to make sure to mark your calendars for August 4th. At 5 p.m., we will begin the evening in the church with a prayer service and then meet up in the cafeteria for a very special Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

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The School of Applied Theology's "Summer Spirituality Series" is taking place this June and significant scholarship assistance of 40% off tuition is being offered. Each week, distinguished presenters focus on different aspects of spirituality. Sessions are held over the course of three days with ample time for contemplation, reflection, faith sharing, and discussion. Presentations begin at 10:00am and at 3:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to take time for spiritual development and renewal. SAT is located at St. Albert's Priory 5890 Birch Ct. Oakland

Presentations: Megan McKenna: Justice, Mercy, and Joy (June 6-8); Khaleghl Quinn, Ph.D. with Mary Busby: Sacred Nourishment (June 13-15); Msg. Ray East: Singing a New Church into Being: New Ecclesiologies for a New Evangelization (June 20-22). For more information please contact the SAT website satgu.org. Please don't miss out on this incredible experience.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, June 7th @ 7pm: Day of Mercy/
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Parish Pilgrimage/Cathedral of Christ the Light
@ 10 am. Saturday, June 11th

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.

From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator**St. Augustine Parish Pilgrimage**

When will it take place?

Saturday, June 11th @ 10 am – 12 noon

Where will we go?

Cathedral of Christ the Light, Downtown Oakland

How will we get there?

The group bus (gathering at St. Augustine's at 9:00 am, returning at 1 pm)

By car (drive on your own)

Take public transportation.

What will we do?

Arrive at the Cathedral around 9:50 am.

Enter the Holy Door of Mercy together

Enjoy a docent led tour of the Cathedral and it's special chapels of prayer

Gather and celebrate Holy Mass at 11:00 am as a parish community

Sign the Book of Pilgrims

Short time for individual prayer and visit to the Cathedral Gift Shop

Who is welcome and invited to attend?

EVERYONE!!

For more information or to reserve a seat on the bus, contact Karen Glen @ kglen.staugustinemc@gmail.com Also, for information about pilgrimage and the indulgences associated with the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy:

Visit the Diocese Jubilee of Mercy website @ <http://www.jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

55) Give the much-maligned Pope Benedict XVI a fair reading sometime. You'll be surprised.

56) Pray every day for the souls in purgatory. Pray for your dead.

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