



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are blessed to be one family of God, a multicultural community of believers whose mission is "to know Christ better and make Him better known." We are one family in faith, sharing in the responsibility of building up the Church of God in the East Bay and ensuring the ongoing vitality of our diocesan Church for future generations.

As we prepare for the future, we have an opportunity to renew our commitment to God and one another. I invite you to be a part of the *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together* campaign; our historic endeavor to strengthen our local parish communities and our diocesan Church. This \$65 million campaign will enhance our ability to educate and form our children and young adults, provide increased pastoral and spiritual care, expand services for the "least of our brothers and sisters," provide for our retired clergy, strengthen our parishes and improve the overall financial condition of our Church of the East Bay.

As I hold you in my prayers, I also ask you to please pray for me and for the success of our diocesan capital campaign.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

The Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign kicks off the week of April 6th. Our goal is \$259,794. St. Augustine's portion is 25% of the total raised, so \$64,948 will stay directly in our Parish if the goal is met.

We will be forming a Campaign Committee that includes the following: General Chairperson, Parish Outreach Chairperson, Parish Outreach Team, Reception Coordinator, and Campaign Secretary. Any parishioner interested in serving should contact Fr. Augustine.

We would like to invite the community to keep our four Confirmandi in their prayers in the weeks leading up to the reception of their sacraments at Easter Vigil: Edward Luong, Ben Stone, Erica Schuff, and Brandon Hurd.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

For Children:

When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

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Passion Sunday

We are in the most holy season of our Christian Faith. The Holy Week encases the gist of our Faith. As Saint Paul says ... "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Cor.15:14)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (the full name), the first Sunday of Holy Week within the Lenten Season, commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding His passion. As He entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their King, saying "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Traditionally in the Western Church the Palm Sunday service begins with the "blessing of the palms," where the palms used in the procession that follows are blessed. It is during this time that the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is read. Then a procession into the church building follows. The hymns and psalmody are related to Christ's office as King.

Many times the worship service contains a "preaching of the passion," where different events in the last days of Christ are read publicly within the Eucharistic service. In modern Catholic services, the priest and/or a combination of readers read aloud the passion narrative from the Gospel.

Palm Sunday, thus, begins on a high note, as a joyous celebration. Gradually the liturgy takes a somber note as the Passion of the Lord is narrated. It is the beginning of Holy Week and we are invited to share in the passion, suffering and death of our savior and to rise to a new Christian life with Him at Easter.

Reconciliation

Our parish reconciliation service is on Monday, March 30th at 7:00 PM. There will be many priests available to assist us in receiving this sacrament of healing. It is my earnest prayer and warm invitation to all parishioners to make use of this wonderful opportunity for Spiritual growth.

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 Domaguino, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Claudia Johnson.

And those who have died:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 28th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Michelle Arnsdorf (+)

Sunday, March 29th, 2015 8 a.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, March 29th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Sophie Torrence (+)

Sunday, March 29th, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

March 22th, 2015: \$3,782 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$61.71

Dates to Remember:

Monday, March 30th, Reconciliation Service, 7 PM

Wednesday, April 1: Holy Thursday Environment Change 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 2nd: Holy Thursday: Mass at 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd: Seven Last Words at 12 Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3:30 PM and The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7 PM

Saturday April 4th: Holy Saturday & Easter Environment change 10:30

Saturday April 4th: **NO RECONCILIATION**

Saturday, April 4th: Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM

Sunday, April 5th: Easter Masses at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 5th: **NO 6 PM MASS**

Wednesday, April 15th Baptism Class 7 PM

Sunday, April 26, Baptism 10:30 am Mass

We will continue our Bible Study this Sunday, March 29, 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. Please note that there will be no Bible Study on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

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).

This month of March has 5 Sundays, so March 28 and 29 will be our special collection.

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.



Week 6:

Next Steps

A series like this can only serve as an introduction to the complex issues surrounding poverty. But we hope we have piqued your interest enough to learn more. Addressing poverty is very close to the core of our Christian faith.

None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice (EG 201).



Pope Francis @pontifex

May we never get used to the poverty and decay around us. A Christian must act.

Video for Going Deeper (learn more about each on the website)



The PBS series *Why Poverty?* uses documentary film to get people talking about poverty, its causes, and its solutions.



View TED talks on poverty for interesting ideas (to be taken with a grain of salt).



Triage follows Nobel Peace Prize-winning doctor James Orbinski, pointedly asks disturbing questions at the heart of the humanitarian dilemma.



The End of Poverty? is a provocative documentary examining the initial and ongoing causes of global poverty.



In *Living on One Dollar*, four university students lived on \$1 a day in a rural Guatemalan village to better understand the reality of extreme poverty.

Action Steps

What are you called to do personally, based on what you have learned through this series? Is there a local organization you could become involved in? Do you want to learn more? Will you re-evaluate your charitable giving? Where else might God be leading you?

Learn More on the Website

Videos – More information about the videos listed above and additional options.

Books – Great selections for going deeper.

Visit:

<http://gospel.link/helping6>