

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Claudia Johnson's Funeral will be held at St. Augustine's on Saturday, July 16th at 11 am.



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!

In the Powerful Name of Jesus

Fr. Freddie Thomas

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love*

We will be printing a brief summary of the chapters during the coming weeks.

Introduction: The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. (#1)

Since "time is greater than space," I would make it clear that not all discussions of doctrinal, moral, or pastoral Issues need to be settled by interventions of the magisterium. (#3)

Chapter 1 In the Light of the World

The Gospel goes on to remind us that children are not the property of a family, but have their own lives to lead. (#18)

The Word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman, and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (#29)

Grace and Faith

We speak of grace in our daily conversations, prayers and worship. Grace is understood as "gratis data" (Latin) – free gift. We do not merit it. Grace means salvation comes from God. It is a divine initiative. God takes initiative in forgiveness, (Amazing grace...that saved a wretch like me...) God loved us before we knew that, God gives new life to the dead, God gives the bread of life and the living water.

The more one understands grace, the less self-righteous and self-made one can feel. Grace undermines all Christian pretensions to self-righteousness. It challenges the contemporary American individualism: the notion that I am what I am because of how hard I have worked.

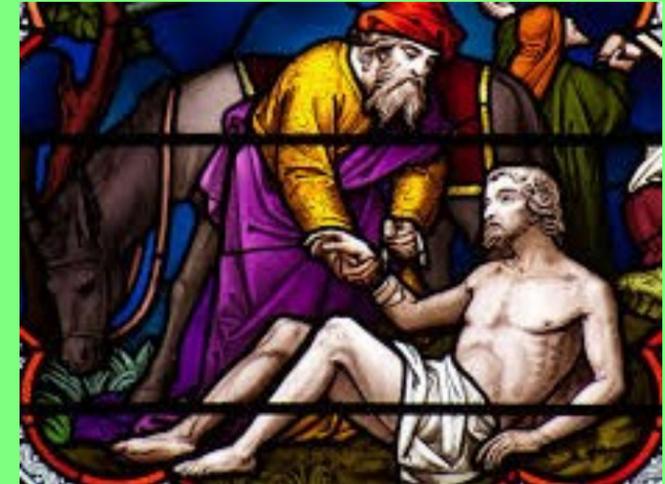
Even from a natural point of view the notion that we are 'self-made' is clearly false. How much of our achievement is due to our genetic inheritance, family and economic circumstances, opportunities we had, and other events in our lives over which we had little control. Thus, grace calls into question some of our most cherished religious and socio-political and achievement beliefs. The more we understand grace, our individualism and achievement-craze will be replaced by gratitude. Then we might truly exclaim with Saint Paul, "...by the grace of God I am what I am..." (1 Cor.15:10)

Faith: It is the response to the Divine initiative of grace. Faith is the human response to God. In Hebrews 11:1 we read, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith is a rich notion with shades of meaning; we shall examine some of its meanings next week.

Father Augustine

Mission Statement

We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world



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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Maria Pestl, Virginia Nelson, Ruby Toro, Loretta Schmitz,
Vivian Richardi Billy Wolfe, George Wolfe

And those who have died:

Claudia Johnson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 9th, 2016, 5 p.m.

Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, July 10th, 2016, 8 a.m.

Sunday, July 10th, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Maria Pestl (-)

Sunday, July 10th, 2016, 6 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

July 3rd, Collection: \$4,059.00 Includes EFT
St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship: \$158.79

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.

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: August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

GOOD NEWS!!

The St. Vincent de Paul van will be here on Saturday, July 23rd from 9:30 AM until 6 PM, and on Sunday, July 24th, from 9 AM to 2 PM to collect your donations of clean and usable items. **Please note: Toys and E-Waste WILL NOT be accepted this year.**

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

Question of the Week**For Adults:**

When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

For Children:

Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

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.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay wants to be of assistance.

Oakland- RENTAL, DEPOSIT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE,

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Steve Mullin

[510 393-8640](tel:5103938640)

Save these Important Dates:

Family Movie Night – Wednesday, July 20th @ 6pm

RCIA Ice Cream Social – Wednesday, July 27th @ 6:30 pm

Dignity in Dialogue

Engaging in interreligious and ecumenical dialogue is a way for the Catholic faithful to live the principles of Human Dignity and Religious Freedom. Dialogue is a practice. It requires inherent respect for the freedom of the individual conscience to choose the religious path to which one is called.

The Four Ways of Dialogue

Dialogue is relational and active. It is a dynamic mode of being that requires relationship, indeed friendship, with the religious other. It is encounter; it is mercy. In the document Dialogue and Mission, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue outlines four ways of dialogue: (1) The dialogue of theological exchange is practiced among scholars and religious leaders from various traditions. It is a highly theological and nuanced way of practicing dialogue. (2) The dialogue of life is about attitude and the spirit that guides personal conduct. For the Christian it is about witnessing to the Gospel in all facets of life while engaging and living peacefully with the religious others. (3) The dialogue of common social action is emerging as an important form of dialogue. There are groups of varying religious backgrounds coming together to live out their faith commitments by working together to combat homelessness, hunger, the lack of workers' rights, and other social ills. The world today needs the common witness of people from all faith traditions; it needs mercy. (4) The dialogue of religious experience is when those who are deeply rooted in their own religious traditions share experiences of prayer, contemplation, faith, as well as religious expression.

What Parishes can Do

From communities that have long practiced the art of dialogue to those new to it, all are called to put into practice Pope Francis' call for a “culture of encounter.” There are multiple ways that parish leaders can be welcoming and mindful in the practice of faithful and fruitful dialogue:

The parish is a community. It is also part of the larger community. Team up with another faith community for a day of service or action that benefits the shared community.

As a worshipping community, have honest and frank conversations about biases and preconceived notions of the religious other.

These are just a few small examples how to nurture dialogue in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Dialogue is a collaborative enterprise, so be as inclusive as possible when constructing activities

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.