

**ST. THERESA PARISH OFFERS IGNATIAN PRAYER ADVENTURE****JANUARY 19 through MARCH 22, 2016**

Deepen your spiritual life, Grow in your relationship with God and Jesus, Learn new prayer methods, Experience new means of discernment, Share the graces of the retreat in a small group setting.

**The Retreat will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 in St. Theresa Meeting Rooms.** The cost of the Exercises is \$120 per person and includes all materials and 5 one-on-one meetings with a Spiritual Director.

**Financial support is available and cost should never be a reason to not attend.**

If you are interested in participating, please complete the Sign-up sheet found in the back of the Church or contact:

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**Job opening: Director for Music Ministry**

***Saint Augustine Parish, Oakland, seeks a Music Minister.*** It is a part time paid position. Music minister is responsible for music ministry in the Church. It will include planning and development of the full liturgical cycle, coordinated scheduling, supervision of musicians and volunteers, etc. Candidate must be able to organize and implement events and have flexibility in work hours. It requires weekend work. A more detailed job description can be obtained from the parish.

This is a 15 hours per week position. Salary classification is M-3. Salary is based upon the diocesan scale and depends on qualification and experience.

Please send your cover letter, application and resume to Pastor, Saint Augustine Parish, 400 Alcatraz Ave, Oakland 94609 or email to: [pastorachurch@comcast.net](mailto:pastorachurch@comcast.net) . All candidates need to fill out the application form completely.

Application form is found at the following website: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/human-resources/employment/personnel-policies-for-responschanceries-and-parishes/AppendixD15%20Application.pdf>

**Electronic Funds Transfer**  
**IT MAKES EVERY SUNDAY COUNT!**  
**Application Forms are in the back of the church**

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**Receive Mercy**

Pope Francis has declared 2016 as the Year of Mercy. The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and ends with The Feast of Christ the King, 2016. It may be good for us to have a brief reflection on mercy and what it entails.

We can give mercy through corporal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy. It is equally important to receive mercy. In the rich depository of the Church's wisdom we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. [In our parish the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 21 at 7:00 PM.] It is a very specific way to receive mercy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not a magic formula. It involves work. First, it involves a deep sense of sorrow for one's failings and sins. Sorrow is different from guilt. Sorrow means that you feel the pain of all the hurt you have inflicted on others, that you acknowledge all your inadequacy before God and are willing to remedy the situation with the help of God and people. Feeling true sorrow, you open your mind and your heart, to move past your mistakes into purification; to learn, to grow, and to be formed by God and your neighbor.

Guilt is a cognitive, or an emotional, experience that occurs when a person realizes or believes—accurately or not—that he or she has compromised his, or her, own standards of conduct or has violated a moral standard and bears significant responsibility for that violation. Guilt is connected in some ways with punishment. A clear illustration of guilt is Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*.

In guilt, the focus is on the self and its failure to do the right thing, in sorrow, the focus is on the other and the need to help the other. In guilt one is shackled in the web of interior/psychological realities. Sorrow cuts through the web and frees us. Sorrow is an invitation to change, grow and develop with God's grace and the help of people and our environment.

[To be continued]

Fr. 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:**

Mary Ellen McManus, Virginia Nelson, Fr. Freddie's father,  
Thomas, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato.

**And those who have died:**

*Marilyn La Placa, Mary Flynn, Rose Thomas, Frankie, Katie  
Johanni, Catherine Gerrick*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Warren Arnhart (+)**

Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6 p.m.

**Gerald Rice(+)****Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015: \$3,525 (Includes EFT)  
SVDP Stewardship: \$68.46

**Christ the Light Jubilee Year of Mercy Major Events**

- **December 13, 2015: 10 a.m.**  
Solemn Mass celebrating the **Opening the Holy Door**  
The Cathedral of Christ the Light - Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., Celebrant
- **December 7, 14-15, 22, 2015: 7-8:30 p.m.**  
Jubilee of Mercy Enrichment Series  
St. Callistus Parish, El Sobrante. Future locations TBD
- **Early 2016**  
Pilgrimages to the Cathedral of Christ the Light  
For parishes, groups and individuals begin
- **March 4-5, 2016**  
“24 Hours for the Lord”  
The Cathedral of Christ the Light and Deaneries/Parishes
- **November 20, 2016: 10 a.m.**  
Mass - Conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy  
The Cathedral of Christ the Light - Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., Celebrant

**Ministry Schedule**

Wednesday, Dec 16th @ 6:15pm -  
Evening Prayer

Sunday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am – Faith  
Formation (Pre K – 4<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am mass –  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon – 1pm:  
Rehearsal for Children’s Christmas Eve  
Mass

**Question of the Week****For Adults:**

To whom have your past acts of kindness  
brought joy? What act of kindness could  
you do this week?

**For Children:**

What kind thing have you done for someone  
lately? Whom could you make happy by  
your kindness this week?

**Dates to Remember**

Saturday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe  
play, at 5 pm.

Wednesday, December 16th, Evening Prayer, at  
6:15 pm. (Note time change)

Monday, December 21, Advent Reconciliation  
Service at 7 pm.

Thursday, December 24th, Children's Mass at 5 pm.

Thursday, December 24th, Midnight Mass starting at  
11:30 pm with Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Mass at 10:30  
am.

**There is no 8 am Mass on Christmas Day.**

Friday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10  
am.

**From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator**

As we enter into the New Year and begin to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy, may our hearts be turned in reflection to the choices we make every day. Without a doubt, our families, however big or small, biological or chosen, continue to be the center of our worlds. Love and Mercy begin in our homes and communities. Let us renew our commitment to approach those closest to us with tenderness.

Join us in preparation for the Children/Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm. All of the children are welcome. We have parts for angels, wise men, shepherds and their animals. They do not need to learn any lines and you are welcome to join them in the reenactment if you feel they may be a bit distracted. Dress rehearsal, for the children who may have speaking parts, will be held after the 10:30 mass on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in welcoming Jesus into our Parish, our homes and our hearts this Christmas.

**56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

1. **Resist Sarcasm: it is the antithesis of mercy: “Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!” (Psalm 141:3)**
2. **Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.**

Visit our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>

Please continue to pray with me that our Parish community will grow in God’s love and holiness. In Christ’s love, Karen

**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.**