



## St. Augustine Campaign Newsletter

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### We Are Off to a Great Start!

Our parish continues to make progress as we work toward reaching our goal in our **Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together** Campaign. Many families have demonstrated their support to the campaign by filling out a pledge card. To those families who have contributed, thank you for your continued support!

Please help us build on this success and reach our goal of **100% participation** by making your pledge today! It is only through prayer and sacrifice that we can make this campaign a success. Please make your gift soon to reduce the amount of follow-up contacts our volunteers will be making over the next few weeks.

#### SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS

Can You Sacrifice?	Then Your 48 Monthly Payments Would Be About...	After a 10% Initial Payment of...	After 4 Years Your Total Pledge Would Be...
\$30.82 per day	\$938	\$5,000	\$50,000
\$15.41 per day	\$469	\$2,500	\$25,000
\$9.25 per day	\$281	\$1,500	\$15,000
\$6.16 per day	\$188	\$1,000	\$10,000
\$4.62 per day	\$141	\$750	\$7,500
\$3.08 per day	\$94	\$500	\$5,000
\$1.85 per day	\$56	\$300	\$3,000

- Gift plans are based on a 10% down payment, however, a down payment is not necessary to make a pledge.
- Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually).

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#### Daily Mass Chapel

Holy Mass is the sum, substance and the summit of our Catholic Christian worship. Our spiritual life begins and attains fruition in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist gives strength to the wayfarer, nourishment to the pilgrim and solace and comfort to the sojourner.

Over the years people have loved to begin their day with the Holy Mass. My dad had been a daily communicant for the last 25 years until he was weakened and bedridden. He used to walk about a mile, rain or shine, to the Church and if, for some reason he could not, he used to say that his day was not the same!

In our parish, too, we have the faithful who attend daily Mass. They may be few in number, but their prayers, dedication and commitment is an inspiration to all. They pray for us and for the intentions of our Church and our world, and their example leads us on to a better living of our faith.

#### The Altar

An **altar** is any structure upon which offerings such as sacrifices and worship are made for religious purposes. Altars are usually found at shrines, and they can be located in temples, churches and other places of worship. It is a tradition of the Roman liturgy to place relics of martyrs or other saints inside the altar.

The altar in our daily Mass chapel contains a relic of **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**. She was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. She is popularly known as "**The Little Flower of Jesus**" or, simply, "**The Little Flower**".

Thérèse has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the "simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life". Together with St. Francis of Assisi, she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church. Pope Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern times".

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#### Mission Statement

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

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Thérèse lived a hidden life and "wanted to be unknown", yet became popular after her death through her spiritual autobiography – "**The story of a Soul**". She also left letters, poems, religious plays, prayers, and her last conversations were recorded by her sisters. Paintings and photographs – mostly the work of her sister Céline – further led to her being recognized by millions of men and women.

Thérèse said on her death-bed, "I only love simplicity. I have a horror of pretense", and she spoke out against some of the claims made concerning the lives of saints written in her day, "We should not say improbable things, or things we do not know. We must see their real, and not their imagined lives."

The depth of her spirituality, of which she said, "my way is all confidence and love", has inspired many believers. In the face of her littleness she trusted in God to be her sanctity. She wanted to go to heaven by an entirely new little way. "I wanted to find an elevator that would raise me to Jesus". The elevator, she wrote, would be the arms of Jesus lifting her in all her littleness.

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**Congratulations to Rev. Sean Toole SJ** who was ordained a priest on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Father Sean has touched many lives in our parish through his ministry here. I wish to thank him and wish him all the best in his priestly ministry.

Father Augustine

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:**  
Jasmine Harris, Frances Delegeane, Evelyn Tude, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Matilda Maes, Claudia Johnson., Patty Wiesner.

**And those who have died:**  
*Rose Domaguing, Mary Pavao, and Sunny Gustafson.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2015, 6 p.m.

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**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015: \$3, 825.00 (Includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$180.87

**Dates to Remember**

June 21st: Fr. Sean Toole will preside at the 6 PM Mass

June 28th: Bishop Michael Barber, SJ will preside at the 10:30 am Mass

July 25th and 26th: Baptism Weekend

**Question of the Week**

**For Adults:**

When has the Lord calmed the stormy seas of your life?

**For Children:**

What fear would you like to Lord to help you overcome?

Fr. Freddie's bible study will resume in the church cafeteria on Sunday, August 2nd after the 10:30 am Mass. This session will be on the Gospel of John.

**Please join members of the Prayer Tree** to pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2015: July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

**Welcome Bishop Michael Barber, SJ**

Please join our Community as we welcome Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, who will be presiding at our 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 28.



**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.**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**FR. SEAN TOOLE**