



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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults

Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good?
What difference does this make in the way you live?

For Children

where do you see goodness in God's world?

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Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together campaign

Probably we are all aware that our diocese is engaged in a capital campaign. All the parishes in the diocese are asked to be part of this important endeavor. Our parish will begin our share of the campaign after Easter.

Total goal of the Diocesan campaign is \$64 million. The money will be used for Religious education, Bishop's appeal, Catholic schools, debt restructuring, Catholic charities and priests' retirement. These are very important areas of our church's apostolic ministry in Oakland. They need rejuvenation and financial support is necessary for their growth and improvement.

Our parish goal is \$259,793. This amount is to be raised within a period of four years. 25% of all the money collected in the parish will be returned to the parish for its various needs. I invite everyone to consider prayerfully whatever you can sacrifice for Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign. Every member of the parish will be requested to pledge their financial support to the campaign.

We are doing it for our Church. We are not supporting it because the Church is perfect. We support it in spite of the imperfections because we know that grace triumphs over sin, human organizational failures can be overcome with God's power, and that the Church is the visible human organization that tries its best to proclaim the message of Christ.

It is my fervent prayer that we set aside differences and work wholeheartedly to reclaim Christ's mission together as Saint Augustine's parish community.

Father Augustine

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage Question and Answer informational meeting

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage being held on March 21, 2015 (**New Date**) 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Raymond Church, 11555 Shannon Ave in Dublin. Belinda Held, Unitours, Inc. tour director will be on hand to answer all travel questions about the Marian Shrines Pilgrimage October 5 – October 2015 to Portugal, Spain and France. Light refreshments will be served.

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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:

Karen Miller, Mary Hazen, Harold Swamy, Patty Wiesner, Tom Hayes, Rose Domaguing, Madeleine Shannon, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Claudia Johnson, Carmon Woodyard.

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 14th, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, March 15th, 2015 8 a.m.

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Sunday, March 15th, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

John F. Caybut (+)

Sunday, March 15th, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

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Stewardship – Weekly Offering

March 8th, 2015: \$4,289 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship \$63.79

Dates to Remember:

Friday, March 20, March 27, Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM

Wednesday, March 18, March 25, Evening Prayer 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday

Monday, March 30th, Reconciliation Service, 7 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: 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

A Note from St. Vincent de Paul

The Easter Bunny has been busy preparing baskets for distribution to the children of those who we serve. To help pay for these we will be selling some special Easter Baskets after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday March 22.

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.

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.

Family Lent Gathering and Crafts Morning

All Families (*parents with children*) are invited to attend this wonderful event on Sunday, March 22 at 9am in the Gym.

Much like our popular wreath making party in Advent, this morning is a way for you and your children to make the lent season come alive. Come learn about the Stations of the Cross and how to bring the stations into your family's lent experience. There will be a prayer and craft activity for your family in which you will work together to depict one station through drawing and reading.

Flyers about the party are on the Family Table in the entrance of the church. You can also email Jenny GirardMalley, FamilyFaith Formation, jennysacc@gmail.com, with questions or to RSVP.



Week 4:

A Culture of Encounter

One of Pope Francis' favorite catch-phrases is "culture of encounter," especially when applied to those in material poverty or who live on the margins of society. It's difficult to understand the reality of poverty from statistics, much less help effectively.

But, as Christians, we are called to love our neighbor, not just help them from afar. How do we treat those in need as fellow children of God with human dignity without meeting them in-person?

Reaching Out

As part of a video message to Argentina, Pope Francis spoke of connecting with those in poverty:

What's important is that we don't just look at them from afar or help from afar. No, no! We must reach out to them. This is being Christian! This is what Jesus taught us: to reach out to the needy. Like Jesus who always reached out to the people. He went to meet them. Reaching out to those most in need.

Sometimes, I ask people, "Do you give alms." They say, "Yes, father." "And when you give alms, do you look into the eyes of people you are giving alms to?" "Ah, I do not know, I don't really think about it." "Then you have not reached out to those people. You just tossed them some charity and went away. When you give alms, do you



touch their hands or just toss them the coins?" "No, I toss them the coins." "Then you have not touched them. And if you have not touched them, you have not reached out to them." What Jesus teaches us, first of all, is to reach out to each other, and in reaching out, helping one another.

We must be able to reach out to each other. We must build, create, construct a culture of encounter.... With those who are going through a bad time, far worse than what I'm going through.

There is always someone who is having [it] worse, eh? Always! There is always someone....

When you meet those most in need, your heart will begin to grow bigger, bigger and bigger! Because reaching out multiplies our capacity to love. An encounter with others makes our heart bigger.

Learn More on the Website

Short Videos – "Anderson Cooper: How I See Homeless People Now," "Have the Homeless Become Invisible."

Two Interesting Articles – "Statue of Homeless Jesus Startles a Wealthy Community," "Get to Know a Person in Poverty."

Visit:

<http://gospel.link/helping4>