

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time •

July 9th, 2023

## What a Lie?

Lies seem to be part of the DNA of modern society, though we often now refer to them with the more dignified terminology of marketing, advertising, propaganda or spin. From unscrupulous sellers of used cars to prime ministers making unsubstantiated declarations about weapons of mass destruction, it seems that many people now make a living from lies.

In the public imagination politicians are professional liars par excellence, or as the writer George Orwell once put it: “Political language ... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable.”

A lie is generally understood as a false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive; it is an intentional untruth. But it is possible to lie without making a false statement and without any intention of deceiving. For if a man makes a statement which he thinks is false, but which in reality is true, he certainly lies inasmuch as he intends to say what is false, and although a well-known liar may have no intention of deceiving others — for he knows that no one believes a word he says — yet if he speaks at variance with his mind he does not cease to lie.

For St. Thomas Aquinas, lying is a statement at variance with the mind. This definition is more accurate than most others which are current. Following St. Augustine and St. Thomas, Catholics and ethical writers commonly make a distinction between (1) injurious, or hurtful, (2) officious, and (3) jocose lies.

Jocose lies are told for the purpose of affording amusement. Of course, what is said merely and obviously in joke cannot be a lie: in order to have any malice in it, what is said must be naturally capable of deceiving others and must be said with the intention of saying what is false. An officious, or white lie is such that it does nobody any injury: it is a lie of excuse, or a lie told to benefit somebody.

An injurious lie is one which does harm. “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” (Exodus 20:16) is one of the Ten Commandments; this commandment seems to point more towards injurious lie!

“Lying is the most direct offense against the truth. To lie is to speak or act against the truth in order to lead someone into error. By injuring man’s relation to truth and to his neighbor, a lie offends against the fundamental relation of man and of his word to the Lord.” (CCC 2483)

The gravity of a lie is measured against the nature of the truth it deforms, the circumstances, the intentions of the one who lies, and the harm suffered by its victims. If a lie in itself only constitutes a venial sin, it becomes mortal when it does grave injury to the virtues of justice and charity. (CCC 2484)

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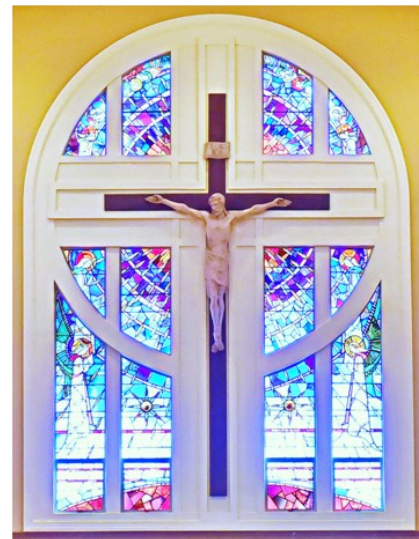
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## PARISH NEWS

### Welcome

If you recently moved into the neighborhood and have been attending our parish, we would love to invite you to pick up a registration form located on the table in the back of the church next to the hospitality table. You may drop it off in the collection basket at your convenience.

### Important Websites and TV Channels

**EWTN**—Masses televised daily.

AT&T UVerse—Channel 562—No HD.

Comcast: 33 (SD), 291 (SD), 1668 (HD)

**Vatican website:** [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:** [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

**Bishop Barron:** [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org)

### Donations

For anyone who would like to donate to our parish via PayPal, please go to the website and click the Donate link.

If you would like to mail a check, you may send it to 400 Alcatraz Ave. Oakland, CA 94609

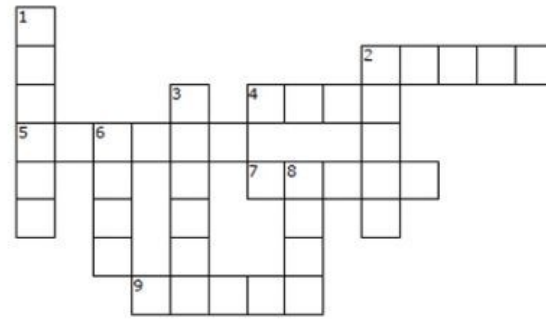
If you would like to drop it off at the rectory, you may put it in the slot by the rectory front door. It is located on the bottom left side wall. Please do not leave an envelope in the mailbox.

July 2nd plate Collection—\$1,511. Thank you for your generosity.

### Question of the Week

For Adults: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

For Children: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?



ACROSS

- 2. Not heavy
- 4. The opposite of go
- 5. A heavy load that you carry
- 7. The place within a person where their feelings or emotions are
- 9. Very tired, especially after working hard for a long time

DOWN

- 1. Not proud or not believing that you are important
- 2. To get knowledge or skill about a subject
- 3. Calm, kind or soft; not violent
- 6. Stop and relax to regain your strength
- 8. Not difficult

WEARY	HUMBLE	EASY	BURDEN	REST
COME	HEART	LIGHT	GENTLE	LEARN

## Rest for the Weary

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)



F Q N E Y M Y V K K D X G X E  
 Q Q K O Q R G H U M B L E M S  
 W O Q F A V E I E D T E O R Z  
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HUMBLE	ALL	LEARN	LIGHT	YOKE
SOULS	WEARY	GENTLE	TAKE	HEART
COME	GIVE	EASY	BURDEN	REST

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

8:30 am Holy Mass  
Monday through Friday

4 pm Reconciliation  
Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Saturdays

10:00 am Sunday Mass

6:00 pm Sunday Mass

7:00 pm Weekday Rosary on  
Zoom

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**

Ivan Lieberburg, Inga Vanek, Sam Wolfe, Sharon Smetzler-Dow, Barbara Frumenti, Peter Frumenti, Courteney Overfield, Danica Truchlikova and Laura Patterson.

**And those who have died:**

Anthony Fasanella, Richard Conness, Tony Custodio, all the victims of the Coronavirus, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

### Mass Intentions

5 pm Saturday Mass  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**

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## Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57). By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization" (theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

[usccb.org/eucharist](http://usccb.org/eucharist)

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