

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time •

November 5th, 2023

## An Incredible Feat

One of my cousin's sisters in India, Ligi Joseph, hand copied the entire Bible in little over six months. She did it because of personal interest. She and her husband do farming, and in her spare time she started copying the Bible and did not give up until she completed it.

She told me that she had a great desire to learn more about the Bible. However, there weren't Bible classes available close to where she lived. So, she simply started copying the Bible and in this way, she could become familiar with the Word of God.

**Ligi Joseph**



**Hand Copied Bible**



## Thank you

We meet to part; as Shakespeare says in Romeo and Juliet, "parting is a sweet sorrow..."

Everything is passing away except Christ Jesus and his word; "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" Heb 13:8

We have a farewell Holy Mass on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM followed by a lunch for all. It is an opportunity to meet and greet one another and to thank God for the many gifts we have shared.

There will be no 6:00 PM Holy Mass on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Father Augustine Joseph

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**Weekend Mass schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Mass: Sunday, 10:00 am & 6:00pm

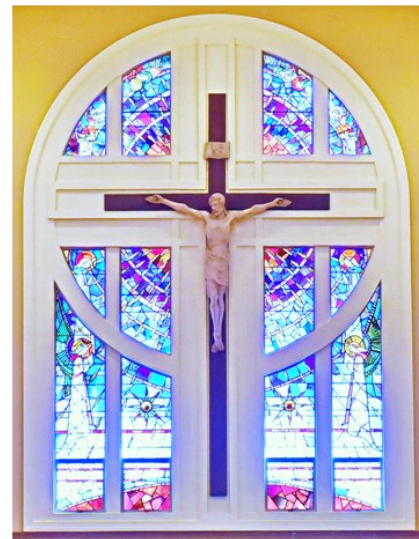
**• Weekday Eucharist •**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.  
Communion Service: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

**• Sacrament of Reconciliation •**

Saturday at 4 p.m.  
Also upon Request

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



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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.

October 29th, plate Collection—\$3,581. Thank you for your generosity.

### Question of the Week

**For Adults:** Is there an area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?

**For Children:** Why is it important for you to live according to how you believe?

## A Lesson in Humility

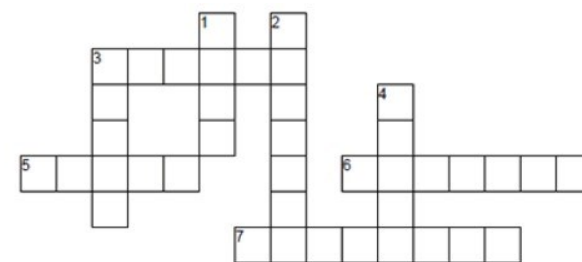
The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 23:1-12

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EXALT	LIFT	MASTER	LOADS	TEACHER
IMPORTANT	PRACTICE	FINGER	DISCIPLES	HONOR
GREATEST	SERVANT	HUMBLE	OBEY	PREACH



**ACROSS**

- 3. To consider yourself as having no special importance; not proud
- 5. A large gathering of people
- 6. A formal dinner honoring a particular person or occasion
- 7. Most important, powerful, or famous

**DOWN**

- 1. To do what you are told or expected to do
- 2. Someone who trains or instructs other people
- 3. A place of high respect or esteem
- 4. To praise someone or raise to a more powerful position

GREATEST	CROWD	BANQUET	TEACHER
HONOR	HUMBLE	EXALT	OBEY

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

- 8:30 am Holy Mass  
Monday through Friday
- 4 pm Reconciliation  
Saturdays
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Saturdays
- 10:00 am Sunday Holy Mass
- 6:00 pm Sunday Holy Mass
- 7:00 pm Weekday Rosary on Zoom

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**  
 Sam Wolfe, Danica Truchlikova, Laura Patterson, Antonio Custodio, Anne Perkins, and Kaitlyn Riddle

**And those who have died:**  
 Rhea Bennet, Megan Franzen, Fr. Bob Mendonca, Clifford Wiesner, all the victims of the Coronavirus, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

### **Mass Intentions**

- 5 pm Holy Mass  
**Hugh McGonagle (+)**
- 10 am Holy Mass  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**
- 6 pm Holy Mass  
**Charles McCormick (+)**

## REAL HUMILITY IS THE COURAGE TO TRUST IN GOD

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BY BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR

One of the things you have to come up with upon being named a bishop is an episcopal motto and coat of arms, and you have only a short time to do it in. For some newly named bishops this is no problem, especially if becoming bishop had long been one of their goals in life. But I didn't see it coming and so was completely unprepared to come up with something profound or clever.

So what I did was take the motto and logo of St. Monica Parish in Edmond, Okla., of which I was the founding pastor in 1993. With slight modification, I turned these into my own personal motto and coat of arms.

The motto is "The Humble Shall Inherit the Earth" and was taken from Psalm 37:11 where the word "humble" means people of humble circumstance -- the poor, the marginalized and oppressed -- not "timid or meek" which is what we usually think of when we hear the word humble. Humility is in fact a special kind of courage, the courage to trust God and live by his standards, taking our lumps when that is what fidelity to him requires.

Let me share with you the story of how we chose Psalm 37:11 to be our parish motto.

When St. Monica Parish was founded and before we had any buildings, we rented a public school cafeteria where we celebrated Sunday Mass and for weekday Mass we met in a parishioner's home.

Then once we bought a house in a neighborhood that backed up on the property we had bought for our future church, I moved our weekday Mass to this house which was now our rectory, and that's when the problems began. Some of the neighbors started complaining about too much traffic in our residential neighborhood and too many cars parked on the street -- some feared for the safety of their children playing outside, others were concerned about what this would do to property values and still others threatened to complain to the city that we were violating zoning laws.

So we had to decide what to do. We could have defended our rights to use the streets like everyone else. We could have pointed out that those very neighbors fill the streets with cars whenever they have parties or a garage sale.

But the question we asked ourselves was: "What would Jesus do?" He was courageous in defending the humble -- the poor, the oppressed -- but he turned the cheek when it came to defending himself.

And so that's what we did. We moved weekday Mass back to that parishioner's house (where there was plenty of parking) until our parish center, then under construction, was ready for use. And in so doing, we showed our neighbors that we take the safety of their children seriously -- and we had good relations with them ever since. We "inherited" the neighborhood. We were humble and so we inherited the earth, so to speak.

And isn't that what our Scriptures are telling us today? Our first reading says: "Conduct your affairs with humility and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." And in our Gospel Jesus says, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

That's why I chose that to be my motto -- to remind myself constantly of how the Lord wants me to serve you as your bishop. And that message -- and that assurance -- is for you as well. True greatness lies in courageous self-sacrifice. That means trusting God and living by his standards, taking our lumps when that is what fidelity to him requires. "The humble shall inherit the earth."