

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time •

October 29th, 2023

## Month of November

It is a month of celebrations and remembrances. We celebrate the feast of All saints, Thanksgiving and also remember and pray for all the faithful departed.

When the Church speaks of **The Communion of Saints**, it is the spiritual solidarity which binds together the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven in the organic unity of the same mystical body under Christ its head, and in a constant interchange of supernatural offices.

**All Saints Day:** We remember the saints and allow the memory of their faith to spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the Lord. All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Halloween, is a Christian celebration in honor of all the saints from Christian history. It is a holy day of obligation inviting the faithful to attend Holy Mass. We have 2 holy Masses at 8:30 AM and at 7:00 PM.

**All Souls' Day:** On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Our faithful departed are a part of the Communion of Saints, that is, that great company of those who have gone before us, who are still alive, who watch over us and wait for us on high. We are one with them through grace, though our being joined to the Risen Christ. We all possess the Holy Spirit of God within and we are all called to final glory.

Often, we don't do very well in dealing with death. It is such a traumatic experience in our lives and in the lives of those whom we love. Yet, in our faith, we know that this life is not all that there is. The oldest and wisest will not be here below forever. We are all called to a higher place, a fuller life, a richer existence.

And it is this faith that allows us, in the midst of our loss and grief, to continue to live in hope. We are gifted with life forever, not just for a time. We are called to be together again.

So, we fervently pray for the full entrance into this heavenly life of those who have gone before us. And in a special way we pray for them on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

We encourage you to give us the names of your deceased relatives and friends that we may hold them up to God and His mercy all during this month. No donation is required or is necessary in order to obtain these prayers. Just put the all souls envelopes or a list in any parish collection basket or drop it off at our Parish Office and know that these loved ones will be a part of our community prayer each day during November.

There is not a great deal of distance between the Feast of All Souls (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) and the Feast of All Saints (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). They celebrate the same Christian family members at different stages of their journey. We rejoice with them all and give thanks. What they are, we, with God's help, will all one day be, the faithful departed.

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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.”*



# The Holiness of God in Daily Life

When God appeared to Moses on Mount Horeb, he said, “The place where you stand is holy ground” (Ex 3:5). The sixth chapter of Isaiah describes the prophet’s vision of God and hearing the angels sing, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord” (Is 6:3). Moses reacts to God’s holiness with awe, a deep reverence for the all-embracing majesty of God. Isaiah responds to God’s holiness with an awareness of the profound and infinite purity of God. Both men undergo a spiritual transformation that they attribute to their experience of God’s holiness. The First Commandment is more than a reference to an abstract idea of God. It is an announcement of the presence of the most holy God, both in outward creation and within the human soul. His existence does call for our faith. Our surrounding culture is filled with many distractions that shut out the majestic voice of our holy and glorious God. St. Augustine,

commenting on his troubled youth, speaks of this experience with these words, “You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all.” But God was not simply a passive presence to Augustine, a diffident lover wondering what to do. Augustine tells us that God spoke with a vigorous voice. “You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You breathed your fragrance on me. . . . I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more” (*The Confessions*, bk. 10, no. 27). This is the best context for appreciating the importance of the First Commandment. As God did with Augustine, he does for us again—calling, shouting, trying to break through our deafness, breathing his fragrance upon us.

Many, indeed, are listening. Numerous Catholics are seeking a deeper relationship with God through

daily Mass, frequent reception of the Sacraments, the prayerful reading of Scripture, retreats, spiritual direction, diverse forms of prayer, and devotional practices. With Augustine, they can say, “You touched me, and I burned for your peace.”

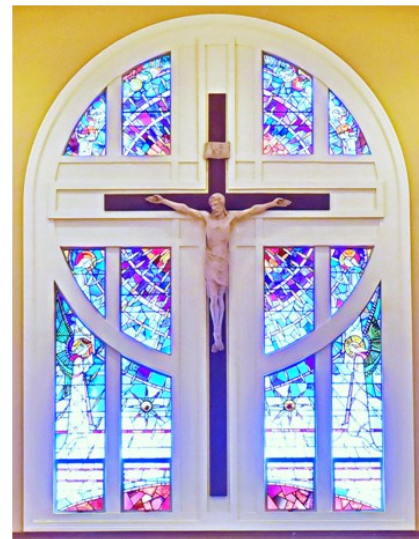
## ***For Discussion***

1. Most people in our culture say they believe in the existence of God. What causes the disconnection between that belief and the behavior of many?
2. How do you find that acts of faith, hope, and love bring you closer to God and make your behavior an act of praise to the Lord?
3. How can we discover the presence of God in our lives? How can we share an awareness of this reality with others?



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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 Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society Collection

This weekend (October 28th and 29th) is the fifth Sunday of the month, and there will be a Second Collection to support our parish chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

### Weekly Collection

October 22nd plate Collection—\$2,907.00 Thank you for your generosity.

### Altarcito

The parish Altarcito, as part of our Month of Remembrance, will be blessed during October 29th 10 AM Holy Mass and remain in the church the entire month of November. You can bring your photographs or other mementoes to place on the Altarcito beginning Friday, October 27th.

### Question of the Week

**For Adults:** In a practical sense, what is one thing that you would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

**For Children:** Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?

### The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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### Welcome to RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) catechesis has begun. If you are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, or if you are just curious about the basic tenets of Catholic Christian doctrines and practices you can join RCIA Inquiry sessions after Sunday 10 AM Holy Mass in the Rectory (no strings attached). If you have questions about the RCIA process, you can email the RCIA team or leave a voicemail message at: [rciastaugustineinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rciastaugustineinfo@gmail.com) or 510.653.8631.

### 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

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Sam Wolfe, Danica Truchlikova, Laura Patterson, Antonio Custodio, Eric Wikander, Anne Perkins, Kaitlyn Riddle, Ian Meadows.

**And those who have died:**

Megan Franzen, Tony Custodio, Fr. Bob Mendonca, Cliff Wiesner, Bob Kluckhohn, all the victims of the Coronavirus, and all the souls in Purgatory.

### Mass Intentions

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**

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November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. This is a Holy Day of Obligation as the Church remembers the lives and holiness of the canonized saints, and thank them for their prayers and being roles models for us.

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls Day we remember and pray for loved ones who have died.

The parish will offer Holy Mass at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm both days.