

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Second Sunday of Advent •

December 10th, 2023

[Dear St. Augustine Parishioners.](#)

On Friday, December 8, we honor **Mary** in her **Immaculate Conception**, and on Tuesday, December 12 as **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. It is a blessing that both of these feasts fall in the season of Advent as they reflect a couple of our Advent themes. In the Immaculate Conception, Mary is prepared to become the Mother of Our Savior. We prepare ourselves in Advent to receive Christ more fully into our lives. John the Baptist annually appears in Advent with this message: Prepare the Way of the Lord!



In the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary is pregnant, a sign of waiting. We await the return of Christ in the fullness of His glory and for the celebration of His first coming at Christmas. May Mary intercede for us that we may wait well by preparing our hearts, lives, and world for Christ.

As we continue our **transition into the cluster of St. Augustine with St. Joseph the Worker and St. Ambrose**, I think the greatest challenge for me will be developing a relationship with all three communities. The principal English Mass is at 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. at all three parishes, so you can see it is impossible to be at more than one each weekend. Please pray for all three communities and for us priests who are called to serve you.

Maranatha – Come, Lord Jesus!  
Fr. John Prochaska

P.S. Just a reminder – on Friday, December 8 we will have Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, December 12, there will be a Mass at 7:00 p.m. And in between, on Monday, December 11, we will have our Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m.

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**Weekend Mass schedule**

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

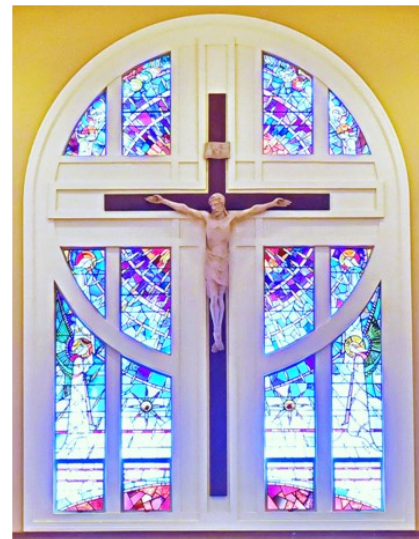
**• Weekday Eucharist •**

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.

December 5th plate Collection—\$1324. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 mail box.

### 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)

### Question of the Week

**For Adults:** With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

**For Children:** With whom can you be more patient?

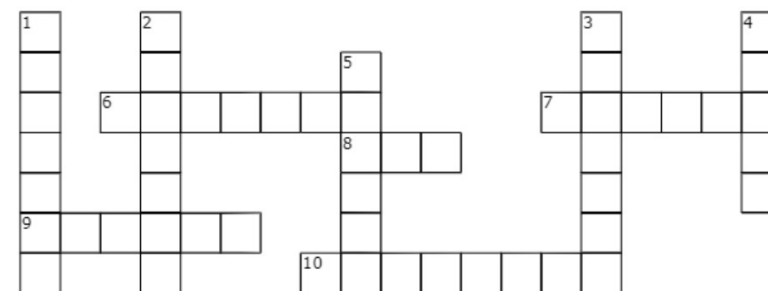
### Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3  
 The puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



J Z P T V R I V E R T U W T P  
 T L U S E L K X B A P T I Z E  
 N B X U Y R K G Y S L Z L D Q  
 M D E S E R T W J O R D A N P  
 F O P S A H N I O F Y B J O R  
 U H T T J W R U W R O C K S E  
 E J O R J C A F V I T Z B O P  
 A V H A H W O F D D L H Z G A  
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 S O A T Y P R O T K S X H I T  
 B P H H I P H I L J T S Z U I  
 E T K D Z V V C G T S F P I S  
 F P A T H S J E S A N D A L S

HONEY	BAPTIZE	SINS	LOCUSTS	JORDAN
PATHS	RIVER	VOICE	WORTHY	CONFESS
STRAIGHT	WILD	DESERT	PREPARE	SANDALS



**ACROSS**

- 6. To pardon someone who has done something wrong
- 7. The river where John the Baptist baptized people
- 8. To do something that is against God's law
- 9. To confess and turn away from sin
- 10. Having no bends or curves

**DOWN**

- 1. To make things ready
- 2. Having many bends and curves
- 3. A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future
- 4. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
- 5. A dry region with very few plants

PREPARE	REPENT	DESERT	HONEY	PROPHET
SIN	FORGIVE	CROOKED	JORDAN	STRAIGHT

### 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, Laura Patterson, Antonio Custodio, Kaitlyn Riddle, Laura Ferreira, Esseline Buttuchi, and Anabelle Espe.

**And those who have died:**  
 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  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**

6 pm Holy Mass  
**Ana Bella (-)**

## **SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES AND SERVICES**

Immaculate Conception  
Friday, December 8th Masses at 8:30 am and 7 pm

Advent Reconciliation Service  
Monday, December 11th @ 7:00 pm

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Tuesday, December 12th  
Holy Mass @ 7 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 24  
Holy Mass @ 10:00 am

Christmas Eve  
Sunday, December 24  
Children's Mass @ 5:00 pm  
Lessons and Carols @ 11:30 pm  
Midnight Mass @ 12:00 am

Christmas Day  
Monday, December 25  
Holy Mass @ 10:00 am

New Years Day Mass  
Monday, January 1  
Holy Mass @ 10:00 am