

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Second Sunday in Ordinary Time •

January 14th, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Augustine Parish.

January is **National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month**, and February 8th is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita as well as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. What Is Human Trafficking? "Human trafficking occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex is under 18 years of age." The excellent movie Sound of Freedom that came out in the summer of 2023 gave one story of Human Trafficking. Cartels in Mexico are now very involved with Human Trafficking. And it can happen with white Americans as one parishioner here in Berkeley can attest. For more information, go to <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en>. If you or someone you know needs help call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or text the hotline's BeFree textline: Text "BeFree" (233733).



The **monthly intention of Pope Francis** for January is for the gift of diversity in the Church.

In the peace of Christ,  
Fr. John Prochaska

## PAX CHRISTI PRESENTATION AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Save the date! Pax Christi Northern CA along with Newman Nonviolent Peacemakers is hosting Fr. John Dear, well-known teacher of peace on January 27 from 9:30 am to noon at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish (2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley) where he will be speaking on his new book, "The Gospel of Peace." At this event we will also be honoring Therese Mughannam Walrath, lifelong peace activist, the winner of our 2023 Tom Webb Memorial Peacemaker of the Year award. For more information email Dennise at [denniseburgess@gmail.com](mailto:denniseburgess@gmail.com).

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**Weekend Mass schedule**

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

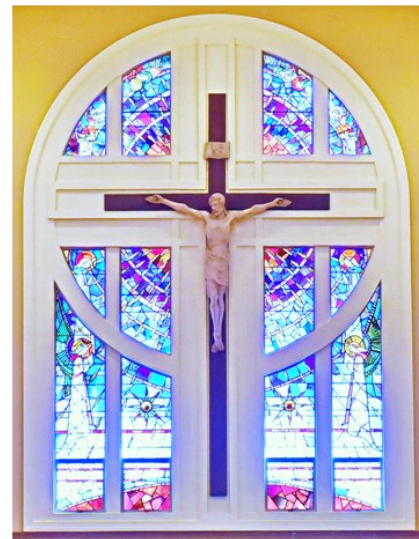
**• Weekday Eucharist •**

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."*



## St. Augustine Catholic Church

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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.

### 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

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)

January 7th Collection: \$1,147.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### Question of the Week

**For Adults:** What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

**For Children:** What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

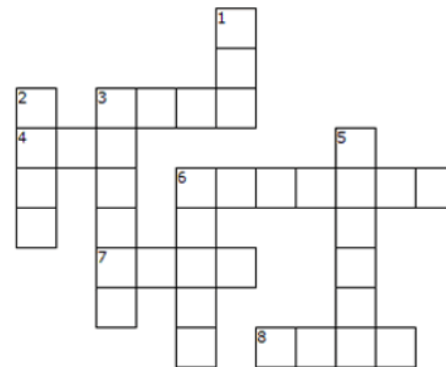
### The Call of Samuel

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"  
 And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."  
 1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)  
 Based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10



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

LAMP	WORD	VISIONS	EYES	SERVANT
BOY	SPEAK	CALL	REVEALED	LORD
NIGHT	SAMUEL	LISTENING	WEAK	ARK
LIE	SEE	TEMPLE	THIRD	ELI



**ACROSS**

- 3. Another name for God
- 4. A priest in the temple at Shilo (1 Samuel 3:1)
- 6. A person who is employed to do work for another person
- 7. The pair of organs of seeing in the faces of humans and animals
- 8. To ask someone to come to you

**DOWN**

- 1. A piece of furniture with a flat surface that a person can lie on to sleep
- 2. Not strong
- 3. To give attention to a person who is speaking
- 5. A boy who ministered with Eli
- 6. To say words; to use the voice

SAMUEL	SPEAK	CALL	ELI	WEAK
BED	EYES	LORD	SERVANT	LISTEN

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

- 8:30 am Holy Mass  
Thursdays
- 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, Laura Ferreira, 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 Saturday Mass  
**Parishioners & Benefactors**
- 10 AM Sunday Mass  
**Joanna Uy (-)**

## What is Ordinary Time? Don't mistake Ordinary Time for a season of dull routine.

JOHN T. KYLER  
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My friend Juan is originally from Guatemala, and his first language is not English. Recently, he mentioned that for breakfast he had “potato cylinders” along with his bacon and eggs. At first, I had no idea what he was talking about. But I realized he was talking about tater tots and that Juan had described them perfectly: Tater tots are literally potato cylinders.

This is the challenge of language. Juan’s description was accurate, but my association with the words prevented me from understanding. I think this is the same problem we Catholics have with our understanding of Ordinary Time. When we think of the word ordinary, our natural associations are words such as typical, routine, or even mundane. Why would the church dedicate an entire season to this?

The ordinary in Ordinary Time does not refer to a season of dull routine but rather the listing of ordinal, or sequential, numbers. This is what is meant by the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, etc. (Interestingly, there is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time, because it is replaced by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.) Rather than making a statement about degrees of importance, the term Ordinary Time refers to the order of Sundays in the church year that do not fall into the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter.

The season of Ordinary Time consists of 33 or 34 weeks and is divided into two parts. The Roman Missal – Third Edition instructs that Ordinary Time “begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.” Prior to the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, these periods of Ordinary Time were referred to as “the season after Epiphany” and the “the season after Pentecost.” Although Ordinary Time takes place in two parts, it is still considered a single season.

It is easy to mistakenly think the liturgical year is about sanctifying time. The truth, however, is that the liturgical year is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. The richness of Ordinary Time is found in the opportunity to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life. The scripture proclaimed in Ordinary Time reveals the teaching and healing and mission of Christ, allowing us to better understand God who became human. We learn that Christ is about humility rather than pride, vulnerability rather than power. We learn that Christ is about including the excluded, eating with social and religious outcasts, and dismantling structures of sin and injustice. We learn that Christ is about self-giving love that is only possible through authentic relationship.

Ordinary Time is anything but monotonous. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus.

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