

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time •

January 28th, 2024

[Dear Friends of St. Augustine Parish.](#)

Jesuit seminarian, Victor Ndogo, will begin a **Bible Study** for all interested. It will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in the chapel, Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., starting February 3.

January 28-February 3 is **Catholic Schools Week**. Though we no longer have a Catholic School at St. Augustine, we pray for the students and staff of the Catholic Schools in our Diocese and throughout the U.S. We also pray for our children who attend public schools or perhaps other private schools. I encourage parents with school-aged children to consider sending them to a Catholic school. The closest elementary schools are St. Theresa in Oakland, and School of the Madeline in Berkeley. And there are a number of High Schools: St. Mary's in Berkeley, and Holy Names and Bishop O'Dowd in Oakland to name just a few.

In the peace of Christ,
Fr. John Prochaska

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK PARTY

Save the date! On Saturday, February 10, the three parishes that make up our cluster – St. Ambrose, St. Joseph the Worker, and St. Augustine – will hold a **Mardi Gras Potluck Party** to bring our communities together. It will be from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Augustine Church, 400 Alcatraz Ave., Oakland. Flyers with more information are available in the church.

PRESENTATIONS ON THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH

Two people who were present at the Synod in Rome in October will be sharing their experiences here in the Diocese of Oakland. The first is **Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J.**, who is the new dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. He will be present on Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Maria in Orinda, an event co-sponsored by the Diocese of Oakland and the Jesuit School of Theology. This event offers the faithful of Oakland Diocese an opportunity to experience the spirit of the Synod, deepen the insights from the Synod, and discern good practices that represent visible and concrete signs of synodality in the local Church. For more information and registration go to: [Bringing the Synod Home \(ecatholic.com\)](#)

The second speaker will be **Cardinal Robert McElroy**, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, who will be present at the Dominican Center in Fremont on February 4 (1:00 -3:00 pm). For more information and registration, go to [CESHopeforFutureflyerFeb2024_1080x.webp \(1080x1398\) \(ecatholic.com\)](#)

YOUNG ADULTS!

There will Young Adult Gathering with Jason Evert on Saturday, February 3, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Go to [1-1.png \(1545x2000\) \(ecatholic.com\)](#) for information and to register.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 11:00 AM

Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who could use prayers for healing and hope? All who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, are invited to observe this day together. The Mass will include:

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers

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Weekend Mass schedule

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

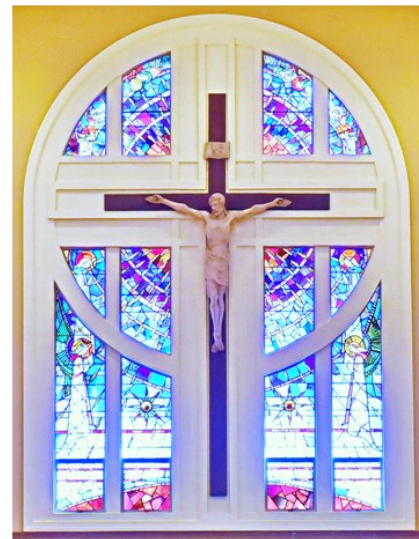
• Weekday Eucharist •

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

National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

To help combat this tragedy, here are some of the signs to look for:

Signs of being controlled

No identification documents

Unable to leave job or residence

Not in control of their own finances

Is under 18 and provides commercial sex acts

At any age unwillingly provides commercial sex acts

Is afraid of law enforcement or receiving help

In a relationship with someone who is dominating

Never is alone and/or always has someone translating or answering questions on their behalf

Signs of trauma

Inconsistent details when telling their story

Seems anxious, fearful or paranoid; avoids eye contact

Tearfulness or signs of depression

Unexplained bruises or cuts or other signs of physical abuse

Is evasive or unable to answer questions about where they live

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).

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.

Question of the Week

For Adults: What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

For Children: What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?

Who's In Control?

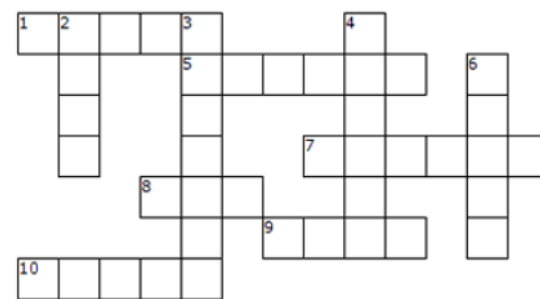
The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



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REGION	SPREAD	JESUS	PEOPLE	NEWS
SHRIEK	SYNAGOGUE	SHOOK	DESTROY	AMAZED
QUIET	HOLY	GALILEE	ORDERS	SABBATH
AUTHORITY	OBEY	EVIL	TEACH	SPIRIT



ACROSS

- 1. The Son of God
- 5. To be extremely surprised
- 7. A supernatural being such as a demon
- 8. An adult male human being
- 9. To do what you are told or expected to do
- 10. To instruct or train someone

DOWN

- 2. Immoral, bad, or wicked
- 3. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
- 4. Human beings; men, women and children
- 6. Making very little or no noise

SPIRIT	OBEY	SABBATH	MAN	TEACH
PEOPLE	EVIL	JESUS	QUIET	AMAZED

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

January 21st Collection: \$768. Thank you for your generosity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Sam Wolfe, Laura Patterson, Laura Ferreira, Anabelle Espe and Pat Redis.

And those who have died:

Fr. Alex Snyder, Craig Zimmerman, all the victims of the Coronavirus, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

6 pm Sunday Mass
Parishioners & Benefactors

WHY ASHES?

by Fr. Larry Rice

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season. The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart. Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/why-ashes>

