

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• First Sunday of Lent •

February 18th, 2024

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

Thank you so very much to all who contributed to the incredibly successful **Mardi Gras party** that brought together people from the three parishes of our cluster - St. Ambrose, St. Joseph the Worker, and St. Augustine. Thank you very much to all who organized and worked hard in preparation and on the day of the event, and thank you to all who were able to attend. May God reward all of you abundantly, and may the Holy Spirit guide our parishes!

I hope you can join the community for **Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 12:15pm starting on February 16.

Starting February 20, we will now have **daily mass** three days each week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Osi has moved into the rectory as a priest in residence as he studies at the Graduate Theological Union, and he will provide for a couple of extra masses each week.

Have a blessed and joyful Lenten journey.

Fr. John Prochaska

P.S. You will not receive a message from me for a couple of weeks. I will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy. Sadly, it originally was supposed to be to the Holy Land. Please pray for peace in that land that has disrupted and destroyed many people's lives, including the few Christians that remain there and depend heavily on tourism.

24 Hours for the Lord

You are invited to join Catholics throughout the Diocese for the 24 Hours for the Lord event that will take place this Friday and Saturday, February 16 & 17. Holy Spirit Parish here in Berkeley will be one of the hosts of Adoration, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and concluding with a Mass at 12 noon on Saturday.

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Weekend Mass schedule

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

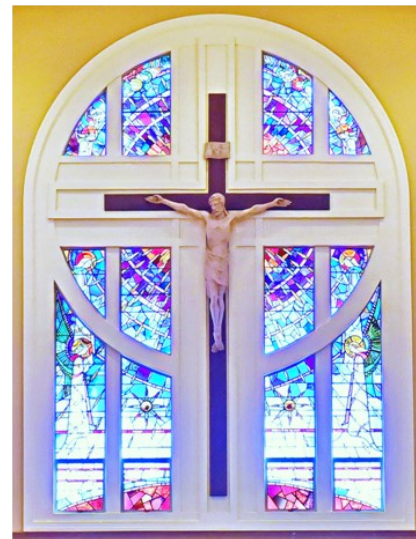
• Weekday Eucharist •

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).

Peaceful, Prayerful 40 Days for Life Vigil

Bishop Barber invites us to join the 40 Days for Live Vigils. He writes: "Let us be beacons of hope for the mothers and fathers struggling with a difficult pregnancy, to know they have support and an alternative to abortion.

February 14 – March 24

El Cerrito Planned Parenthood, 8000 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito

7am-7pm Daily

Lovebabies21670@gmail.com

www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito

Question of the Week

For Adults: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

For Children: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

Into the Wilderness with Jesus

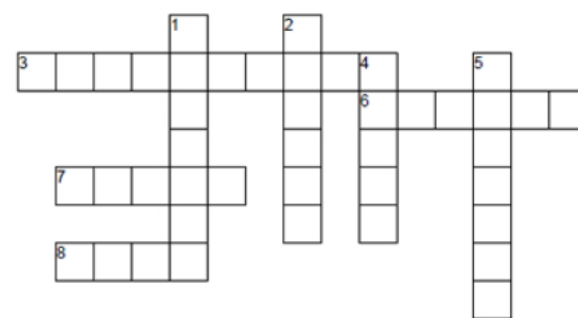
At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 1:12-15 (NIV)

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TEMPTED	SATAN	COME	REPENT	WILDERNESS
NEWS	BELIEVE	TIME	FORTY	ANGELS
ANIMALS	DAYS	SENT	GOOD	WILD



HORIZONTAL

- 3. A deserted area
- 6. Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
- 7. The number that is ten more than thirty.
- 8. The opposite of bad.

VERTICAL

- 1. Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
- 2. To turn away from sin.
- 4. The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
- 5. To accept something to be true.

WILDERNESS	REPENT	GOOD	BELIEVE
FORTY	SATAN	ANGELS	TEMPTED

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

February 11th Collection: \$3,206. 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, Pat Redis and Kate Dole

And those who have died:
 Fr. Alex Snyder, Craig Zimmerman, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

10 am Sunday Mass
Parishioners & Benefactors

Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?

Our Lenten Study this year is *No Greater Love*. We will meet on Zoom on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Our first meeting will be Friday, February 23. Please send an email to april.mcneely@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love>

