

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Fourth Sunday of Lent •

March 10th, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Augustine Parish.

I was very blessed to have the opportunity to return to **Italy on pilgrimage**. There were 21 of us who visited the Vatican, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), the Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano, Monte Cassino (home of western monasticism), and the home parish of St. Catherine in Siena - and some historical sites like Pompeii. There are so many vast and gorgeous churches to visit and pray in, and many Italian saints for whom we asked their intercession. My primary intention during the pilgrimage was for the three parishes of our cluster: St. Joseph the Worker, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine.



The second collection this weekend is for the **Catholic Relief Services**. This agency does magnificent work in serving people throughout the world, particularly following natural or man-made disasters. Please give generously.

Plan on joining us for the **Lenten Reconciliation Service** on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Finally, don't forget to move your clock forward one hour for **Daylight Saving Time** early Sunday morning. You wouldn't want to accidentally miss Mass.....

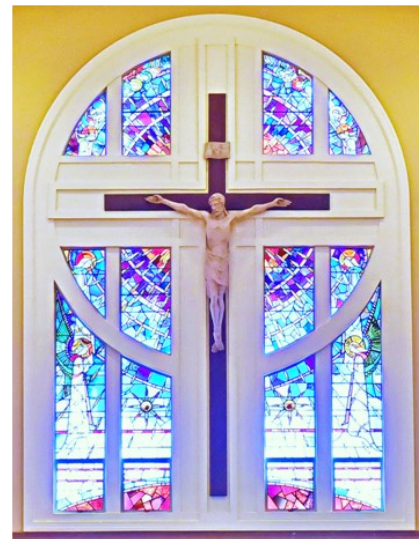
God's blessings of a joyful Lent.

Fr. John Prochaska

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<p>Weekend Mass schedule Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass: Sunday, 10:00 am & 6:00pm</p>	<p>• Weekday Eucharist • Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m Communion Service: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>• Sacrament of Reconciliation • Saturday at 4 p.m. Also upon Request</p>
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“ We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.”



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PARISH NEWS

Ceasefire Night Walk

March 15 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: St. Columba, 6401 San Pablo Ave.

Night walks:

6pm: Gathering for pre-walk/corners process

6:30pm: walk or stand on corners

7:30pm: returned back to starting location or completed from the corners

By 7:45pm, walk process completed

For more information, please contact Chris Moreno at chris@fiaeastbay.org



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

This week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

Question of the Week

For Adults: Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

For Children: Where do you see goodness in God's world?

Measuring God's Love

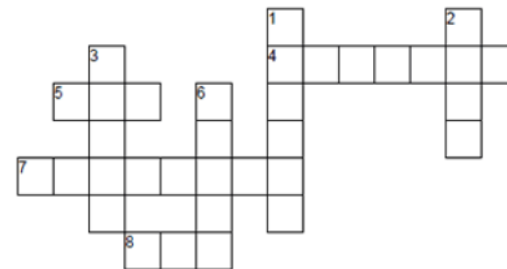
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



P T F V E L F M H H M F H B N
 O T J E Z O S D C C T O Z I U
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SON	ONLY	BELIEVES	MOSES	WHOEVER
PERISH	HIM	WORLD	DESERT	LIFTED
CONDEMN	SNAKE	LOVED	ETERNAL	LIFE
THROUGH	GAVE	SEND	GOD	SAVE



ACROSS

- 4. Lasting forever; without end
- 5. Male offspring
- 7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
- 8. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

- 1. To die or be destroyed
- 2. To rescue from danger or harm
- 3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
- 6. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL	WORLD	PERISH	SAVE
LOVED	GOD	BELIEVES	SON

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

March 3rd Collection:
\$1,388. 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:
All the souls in Purgatory who
have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

6 pm Sunday Mass
Parishioners and Benefactors

LAETARE SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Why is the Fourth Sunday of Lent called Laetare Sunday?

- The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".
- The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.
- Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Symbolizing joy, rose-colored Mass vestments may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.
- The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was once called Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, for the miracle of the boy with loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was also previously observed as Mothering Sunday, in reference to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where the faithful are called "sons and daughters of God". Families visited the church where they were baptized, or made offerings to the cathedral, or mother-church, on this Sunday.

How can we observe Laetare Sunday in our home?

- Surprise someone with a rose, or have roses on the dinner table.
- Plant a rose bush at home or for a friend.
- Share stories of where family members were baptized; take a drive to "your mother church".
- Go to Mass at your cathedral.

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/general/laetare-sunday-fourth-sunday-lent>