

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Fifth Sunday of Lent •

March 17th, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Augustine Parish.

[We have just a couple of weeks of Lent remaining. How has been your Lenten journey? Have you been able to enter more deeply into prayer, or serve the poor, or even fast? It is not too late to recommit yourself!](#)

One Lenten practice that I encourage all of you to take advantage of is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession.) Plan on joining us for the **Lenten Reconciliation Service** on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. There will be six priests to hear confessions. Let us celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of God as a community!

You are also invited to join the Diocesan Catholic Community for the annual **Chrism Mass**. It will take place on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

God's blessings of a joyful Lent.
Fr. John Prochaska

DRAW ME CLOSE TO YOU, JESUS

A night of prayer through music Saturday, March 23, 2024, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

FR. LEO PATALINGHUG "PLATING GRACE" IN OAKLAND

The diocesan Department of Faith, Formation and Evangelization is proud to share that Father Leo Patalinghug of Plating Grace will be visiting the Diocese of Oakland March 22 - 26. All events are open to the public.:

March 23, 2024	5 PM Mass at St. Raymond, Dublin
March 23, 2024	7 PM Youth and Young Adult Worship Night at St. Raymond, Dublin
March 24, 2024	11 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena, Martinez
March 24, 2024	5 PM Youth Mass at St. Anne, Union City

Father Leo is a Catholic priest, award-winning chef and black belt martial artist. He gives inspiring presentations that have captured the hearts and minds of diverse audiences around the world. His dynamic ministry seeks to build stronger families and a deeper understanding of Jesus as Food for our mind, body and soul!

For more information regarding the Youth/Young Adult Worship Night, go to [YYA Worship Night \(ecatholic.com\)](#)

To learn more about Father Leo's ministry, visit www.platinggrace.com.

BIBLE STUDY (at St. Joseph the Worker)

Jesuit seminarian, Victor Ndogo, will hold 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.

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Weekend Mass schedule

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

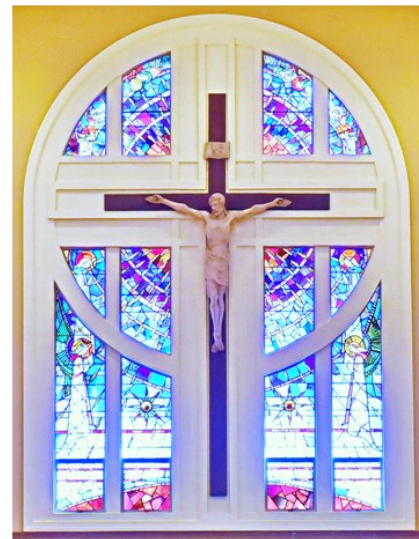
• Weekday Eucharist •

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

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

Question of the Week

For Adults: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

For Children: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



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Monday, March 18
 Lenten Reconciliation Service @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 28
 Holy Thursday Lord's Supper Mass
 and Adoration @ 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29
 Seven Last Words @ 12:15 pm
 Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 pm
 Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 3:30 pm
 Good Friday Passion of the Lord @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 30
 Morning Prayer @ 9:00 am
 Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 31
 Easter Sunday Mass @ 10:00 am

There will be no 6:00 pm Mass

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 10th Collection:
 \$.3,768. Thank you for your
 generosity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your
 prayers those who are ill:**
 Sam Wolfe, Laura Patterson,
 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

5 pm Mass

Parishioners & Benefactors

10 am Mass
Jaime Lopez (+)

6 pm Sunday Mass
Ron Kowalski (-)

HOLY WEEK

In the first century, the early Christians celebrated every Sunday in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. By the second century, they established a particular day for the celebration of the resurrection, which was connected to the Jewish Passover.

Their observance began at sundown on Saturday evening. They called it the Night of the Great Vigil, a time of remembrance and expectation that lasted throughout the night so they could sing "Alleluia" at dawn on Easter morning. It was during the Night of the Great Vigil that new Christians were received into the Church.

By the fourth century, it became customary for people to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate what was called the "Great Week," which included Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The diary of a woman named Egeria in 381 contains the first accounts of the special rites, prayers and devotions that took place in Jerusalem during the Great Week.

Over time, the practice of observing Holy Week spread throughout the Christian world, with prayers, historical re-enactments and special liturgies. During the Middle Ages, the celebration of the Easter Vigil gradually fell out of practice. The important days of the week were Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In 1955, the Vatican re-established the Easter Vigil as an important part of Holy Week observances.

During the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the bishops called for the restoration of the early Christian rituals for receiving new Christians into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In 1988, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was issued.

Today, Easter Vigil with the Easter fire, the lighting of the paschal candle, the reading of salvation history, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for catechumens and renewal of baptismal promises for the faithful is once again an integral part of Holy Week celebrations.

HOLY WEEK QUIZ

How much do you remember about the people and events of Holy Week? Here's a little quiz to test your knowledge.

1. Where did the Agony in the Garden take place?
2. Who betrayed Jesus?
3. Who denied Jesus three times?
4. Who ordered Jesus to be scourged?
5. What criminal was released instead of Jesus?
6. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
7. How many times does Jesus fall on the way to Calvary?
8. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
9. Who wiped the face of Jesus?
10. What did the sign on the cross say?
11. Who made arrangements for the burial of Jesus?
12. Who was the first to discover that Jesus had risen?

Learn more and find the answers to the quiz at <https://www.simplycatholic.com/your-guide-to-holy-week/>