

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• The Ascension of the Lord •

May 12th, 2024

[Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! - Christ is Risen! - Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!](#)

On Sunday, we remember and honor our mothers - both living and deceased. Hopefully, we remember and honor them each day of our lives. We give thanks to God for the life we have through our mothers. My mother was the greatest influence on my life in becoming a priest as she lived fully in Christ, was very active in the Church, and served those in need. We pray for all of our mothers, that God may bless them with good health and abundant joy, or that they might be in the arms of God's love and mercy in our eternal home. Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, pray for our mothers.

This weekend, we also celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension**, another step of the Paschal Mystery of Christ through which we have new and everlasting life. Jesus ascends to heaven, not to abandon us, but rather to be with all of us in every place and every moment. He is no longer limited by His humanity.

The **second collection** this weekend (May 12) will be for **Catholic Communications**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please keep in your prayers all of our children who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 19. May they be filled with the joy of Christ who comes fully to them in the Eucharist.

Finally, the **Pope's monthly intention for May** is: *We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

God's abundant blessings of Easter joy to you and your loved ones.
Fr. John Prochaska

Bookkeeper / Secretary Position

St. Augustine Church, Oakland, is hiring a part-time Bookkeeper / Secretary. The position will be 22 hours per week and is classified as S5 on the Diocesan Salary scale. The candidate will have experience with QuickBooks, Microsoft Software (especially Excel), and have the capacity to learn other software as necessary. The person will also have the ability to interact well with people, work under little supervision, and schedule the use of parish facilities. For a full job-description and application, please contact Fr. John Prochaska, Parochial Administrator, at 510-653-8631 or johnpro50@gmail.com

Woodminster Summer Musicals

Group Season Tickets (1/2 price) on sale now \$99

Guys and Dolls (6/23), Jersey Boys (7/21), Sister Act (8/18).

Oakland Hills—Joaquin Miller Park outdoor amphitheatre

Sunday evenings @ 8 am. Tailgate/pot luck @ 5.30 pm

Infor-reserve: sarnhart@gmail.com (woodminster.con)

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Weekend Mass schedule

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

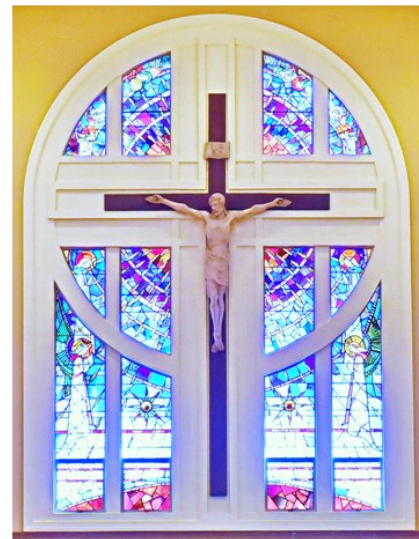
• Weekday Eucharist •

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

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 Ave. 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

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org

Bishop Barron: wordonfire.org

This week's second collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

Young Catholics, here is a link to the Grapevine, a monthly newsletter of activities taking place in the Bay Area:



[ISSUE #84: Mary's Retreat, Artists' Group, & more \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Question of the Week

For Adults: Who do you know who has passed away yet whose spirit is still alive and making an impact on others?

For Children: Who do you know in heaven? How might they still be helping us?

The Ascension of Jesus

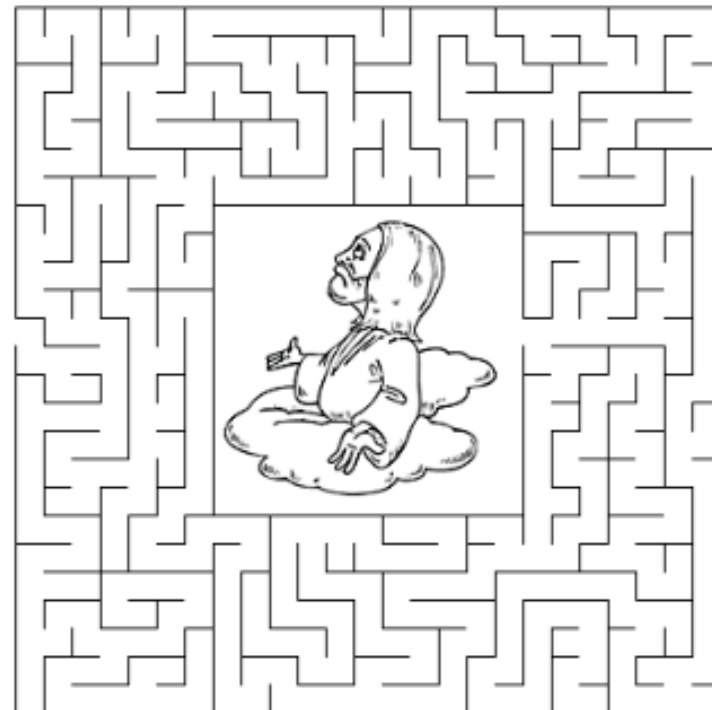
While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)
Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
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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

May 5th Collection: \$1,519.
Thank you for your generosity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
Sam Wolfe, Laura Patterson,
Kate Dole, Ron Kowalski Jr.
and Nancy Drito.

And those who have died:
Maureen Sullivan, and Fr.
George Crespin. Plus all the
souls in Purgatory who have no
one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

- 5 pm Saturday Holy Mass
Teresa Allevato (+)
- 10 am Sunday Holy Mass
Parishioners & Benefactors
- 6 pm Sunday Holy Mass
Patric McNeely (+)

WHAT IS THE ASCENSION?

The Ascension is the event, where Jesus arose into heaven, at the end of his time on earth.

Jesus' time on earth began with his birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the Cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls--the righteous dead, as we call them--who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to heaven. On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people. At the end of this 40-day period, Jesus ascended into heaven. We call this the Ascension.

The Bible tells us what happened on that day:

The Promise of the Spirit. In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus.

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11)

It is said that by His death and Resurrection, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for all humanity. This is true, and His Ascension demonstrates this to us. It is His proof that those of us who believe in Him in faith and follow Him will also be raised on the last day, and enter into heaven. From heaven, Jesus hears our prayers and intercedes for us with His Father.

We celebrate this on Ascension Sunday, which is celebrated forty days after Easter. Traditionally it is celebrated on a Thursday as a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church presently observes it on a Sunday to allow more of the faithful to attend Mass. It remains a Holy Day of Obligation, and the faithful are reminded that all Sundays are obligatory by default.

The Ascension should not be confused with Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ, after His Ascension.