

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time •

June 16th, 2024

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

As most of you know, St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, and St. Joseph the Worker were clustered in 2023. This year, the Diocese of Oakland has begun a process for the seven clusters in the Diocese. Five parishioners representing the three parishes have joined me on a **Cluster Team**, tasked with developing a plan for our cluster. The current situation of three independent parishes is not sustainable administratively, and perhaps in the future liturgically, especially if our cluster is reduced to one full-time priest. The Cluster Team wants to give you an opportunity to learn more what it means to be a cluster, and to give your input as we form and propose a plan to submit to the Diocese. **Five listening sessions** have been established for this purpose over the next six weeks. See the dates and places below. We hope that you will be able to attend one of them.

This Sunday we honor and thank the Fathers of our families and our parish community as we celebrate **Fathers' Day**. Fathers sometimes get a bad rap. While some Fathers shirk their responsibilities, many more embrace it with great care and love. Fathers, we pray that you may find much joy in the gift of your children, and the Holy Spirit may guide you.

May God bless you in your summer days.!

Fr. John Prochaska

Cluster Info and Listening Sessions

Saturday, June 29, 5:00 p.m., Spanish, St. Joseph the Worker

Sunday, June 30, 11:00 a.m., English, St. Augustine

Monday, July 15, 7:00 p.m., Spanish, St. Ambrose

Sunday, July 21, 11:30 a.m., English, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m., English, St. Joseph the Worker

Employment with Diocese

Associate Director of Construction Planning & Risk Management Services (Loss Control)

For more information and other job opportunities: [Employment Opportunities - Diocese of Oakland CA - Oakland, CA \(oakdiocese.org\)](#)

Interested candidates please submit letter of interest and resume to:

Gloria Espinoza, Director of Human Resources, gespinoza@oakdiocese.org

Pope's Mass Intention for June

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

2024 PRIESTHOOD EVENINGS OF DISCERNMENT

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Repeats every fourth Saturday of the month until December 28, 2024

Location: [St. Michael's Parish, Livermore](#)

Join Fr. Carl Arcosa and Fr. Matthew Murray for an evening of Prayer and Reflection for vocations to the Priesthood. Schedule includes, coffee & chat, testimony & prayer, Mass, and dinner.

www.oakdiocese.org/vocations

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Weekend Mass schedule

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

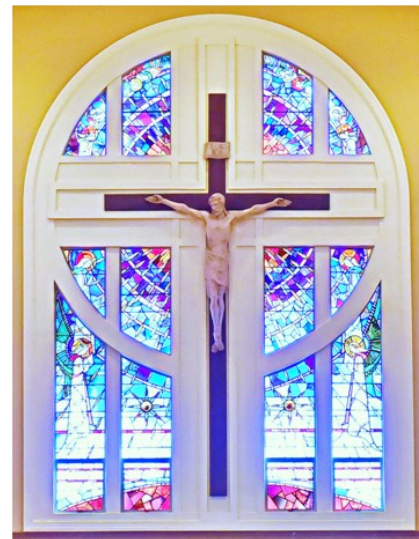
• Weekday Eucharist •

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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New Rectory Hours:
8 am to 12 pm
Monday Through Friday

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.

Prayer for Pro-Life: Here is a link to an invitation to join Catholics nationwide: nationwide-invitation-to-prayer.pdf (oakdiocese.org)

OAKLAND CURSILLO GRAND ULTREYA - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, July 20, 2024, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: [All Saints Catholic Church](#)

Upcoming Oakland Cursillo Grand Ultreya - All Cursillistas are invited to attend a Grand Ultreya on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at All Saints Catholic Church, 22824 2nd St., Hayward, CA with MUSIC, PRAYER, PRAISE, SHARING, REFRESHMENTS! Reunite with your cursillo family...hope to see you there!

Retreat Opportunities

Link for the San Damiano Retreat Center: [Retreats Home – San Damiano Retreat](#)

June 8,15,22,29 [Summertime Boost: A Feel Good Retreat – San Damiano Retreat](#)

June 21-23 [12-Step Recovery Retreat – San Damiano Retreat](#)

July 5-7 [Nurturing Recovery: A Women's All-Fellowship – 12-Step Recovery Retreat Infused with Compassion – San Damiano Retreat](#)

Question of the Week

For Adults: What is the "good soil" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?

For Children: How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."
Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32

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BIRDS	SHADE	NEST	MUSTARD	BRANCHES
JESUS	GARDEN	PLANTED	LARGEST	PLANTS
STORY	GROUND	SEED	SMALLEST	KINGDOM

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Friday, June 28, 4:00 PM – Sunday, June 30 in Cupertino

This program offers a weekend of support to women, men and couples whose lives have been impacted by reproductive loss, abortion, or miscarriage. It is an opportunity to reflect on the experience, identify ways it has affected your life, and start the healing process. The weekend includes two nights lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. All information remains confidential. Contact us at hope@realoptions.net for more information or go to this link: [June 28-30th Retreat \(fundeasy.com\)](http://June 28-30th Retreat (fundeasy.com))

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

June 9th Collection: \$1120.
Thank you for your generosity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:
Mary Ann Galindo, Kate Dole, Sam Wolfe, Laura Patterson, and Ron Diritto

And those who have died:
Maria Hill, Doug Seefer, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

- 5 pm Saturday Mass
Parishioners and Benefactors
- 10 am Sunday Holy Mass
Owen McGonagle (+)
- 6 pm Sunday Holy Mass
Gabor Tuba (+)

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs."

The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy there are also suggestions and words of advice for living them out in our daily lives.

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way. Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions. Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, and worship at Sunday Mass.

INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT

Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith. Go on a service trip or short-term mission trip. No time? Donate to support someone on their service trip. Volunteer to help with religious education programs at your parish. Invite someone to go to mass with you this weekend. Know your faith! Read through the USCCA to find out more about the Catholic faith and how to live it.

ADMONISHING THE SINNER

Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ. In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times. Don't judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation. When you correct someone, don't be arrogant. We are all in need of God's loving correction. We should journey together to a deeper understanding of our shared faith.

COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL

Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference. Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time. Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time. Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering. A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.

FORGIVING INJURIES

Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God. Saying sorry is something we learn as kids, but how often do we really mean it? Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives. Participate in the Sacrament of Penance. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY

Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit. Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care. Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time or who has passed away. Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers. Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about. Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-spiritual-works-of-mercy>