

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time •

July 7th, 2024

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

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to attend the first of the **Cluster Information and Listening Sessions** last weekend. Your input is invaluable. We have decided to add an additional Session in Spanish on Sunday, July 21, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph the Worker. Please see the other dates below and on the flyers at the entrances of the church. We hope that all of you will be able to join us for one of the sessions to learn more about the cluster of St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, and St. Joseph the Worker and offer your input as we develop a required plan for the future to submit to the Diocese. Please pray for our discernment.

On this **Fourth of July weekend**, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in our country, and more importantly, for the perfect freedom that Christ has granted us. As Paul writes to the Galatians: "For freedom Christ set us free". This is a spiritual freedom through the forgiveness of our sins.

Just as a reminder, there will be a special mass on Saturday, July 6, 5:00 p.m., for the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Osi. The Mass will be longer than normal - but all are invited to the Mass and reception.

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, 9:00 a.m., Spanish, St. Joseph the Worker

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

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

The Pope's Monthly Intention for July 2024:

FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Vocation Discernment Reunions: Let's Talk Vocations with Fr. Carl Arcosa

Go to the following link:

[Let's Talk Vocations with Fr. Carl Arcosa, July/August Evenings](#)

Mondays, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
St. Michael Parish in Livermore

CEASEFIRE NIGHT WALK, ST. COLUMBA

Friday, July 12, 2024, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: St. Columba Church (San Pablo Ave. & Alcatraz, Oakland)

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Weekend Mass schedule

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

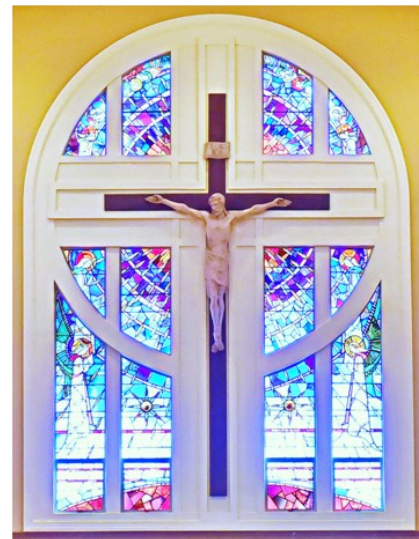
• Weekday Eucharist •

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.

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](#)

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

Second and Special Collections

July 14: Charitable Works of the Holy Father
(Except for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, please make checks out to the parish.)

Question of the Week

For Adults: What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?

For Children: What have you wished would be different or better about you?



Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 6:1-6.

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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

June 30th Collection:
\$6193.00. Thank you for your
generosity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your
prayers those who are ill:**

John Engemann, Mary Ann
Galindo, Kate Dole, Sam
Wolfe, Laura Patterson, and
Ron Dirito

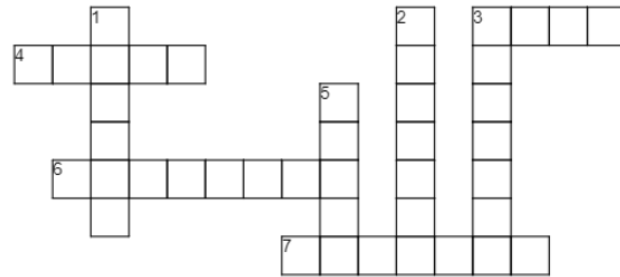
And those who have died:

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

Mass Intentions

10 am Sunday Holy Mass
Parishioners & Benefactors

JESUS	TEACH	DISCIPLES	AMAZED	SYNAGOGUE
FAITH	PROPHET	WISDOM	SABBATH	HONOR
JOSEPH	JUDAS	MARY	SISTERS	CARPENTER
HEARD	SIMON	JAMES	HOMETOWN	MIRACLES



HORIZONTAL

- 3. The mother of Jesus
- 4. To have great trust or belief in something or someone
- 6. The town or city where a person was born or grew up
- 7. A man or boy with the same parents as another person

VERTICAL

- 1. The ability to judge what is true or right
- 2. One who is a spokesman for God to man
- 3. An event that can only be done through the power of God
- 5. To treat with great respect

HONOR	WISDOM	HOMETOWN	BROTHER
MARY	MIRACLE	FAITH	PROPHET

A QUICK PRIMER ON TRANSUBSTANTIATION

By Chris Mueller

Every time the Mass is celebrated, something incredible happens. A miracle takes place. During the Eucharistic rite, the priest speaks Jesus' words from the Last Supper: "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ..." (Matthew 26:26-28) The simple unleavened hosts and wine become the actual Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is more than just a symbolic meal; it is an actual partaking in the real presence of Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, Jesus becomes fully present to us. It is more than dead flesh. He is alive! The Eucharist is his Body, his Blood, his Soul and his Divinity. We actually consume the real presence of Jesus Christ and invite him to unite us more fully to him. All of that is true. Yet, you may have noticed that upon receiving the Eucharist, it does not actually appear to be any different than it was before its consecration. In fact, most of the time, there is absolutely no physical evidence that a change has occurred at all. So what gives? How can it be Jesus when it looks and tastes like bread and wine? The word the Church uses to help us understand is transubstantiation.

Breaking Down the Word

It isn't a word that is used all that often outside of the Church. In fact, the word was created specifically to describe the Eucharist. So, what does it mean? Let's break the word down to find out.

The first part of the word, "trans", indicates a change. The second half of the word refers to what is being changed; in the case of transubstantiation, the substantia, or substance. Put the two parts together and what the word is telling us is that the substance is changing. This is important in understanding what takes place. Please note, the Church does not tell us that a transformation is taking place. In transformation, the form changes. As we already discussed, that's not what happens at the consecration. The form stays the same. It is the substance that changes. The "what it is" changes, not the "what it looks like." OK, that can still be a little confusing.

Form and Substance

Well, if I laid down a pork chop and filet mignon in front of you, you'd probably have no problem in agreeing with me that both are flesh. The substance, what they are, can be said to be the same. They are flesh. They only differ—to use the language of St. Thomas Aquinas—in the accidents; meaning the look, touch, taste, and so on. The color of the meat does not make it meat. The taste does not make it flesh. Pork and beef taste and look quite different, yet they are still both meat. The accidents don't change the substance.

Well, the Church tells us that the Eucharist—while it retains the accidents (look, taste, feel, etc.) of bread—in substance is changed to the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Yes, it is a little hard to comprehend. It's a big leap to say that while it looks, tastes, and feels like bread, it is in substance Jesus. But, that is what happens. The reality is this is something that can be explained with the language of philosophy, as I have just tried to do, but only fully accepted with the eyes of faith. St. Thomas Aquinas, in the beautiful hymn, *Tantum Ergo* writes about this:

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

Did you catch that last part? When we encounter the Eucharist, the Church teaches that we encounter Christ. When we receive it, we receive him. The form of the bread and wine may not have changed, but the substance, the "what it is" has. Yes, that is a little confusing. That's OK. This Sunday, invite Jesus to supply the faith needed to see him where your senses may fail to do so.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2018/06/01/a-quick-primer-on-transubstantiation/>