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Reflection: If humility is truth, how do I make this come alive in terms of my relationship with others in the community?

Knowledge of self is true humility. For me, this means knowing what our faults are and knowing that our loving God is there to always forgive. Moreover, it also means that imperfect as we are, God has given us gifts to develop and to share with each other.

About 8 years ago, I joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the invitation of my friend, Guia. At St. Vincent de Paul, we visit people in their homes, offer to them and to each other friendship and support, and serve the marginalized. We try to live our faith in action. To be able to help people who are so desperate for help is a most humbling and fulfilling feeling. Through service, we can show others the love of Jesus.

I remember one instance about two years ago about an immigrant couple from the Philippines. They were in their 60’s. Both the husband and the wife started to look for work shortly after they arrived into the US to be able to support themselves. But barely over a month into the country, the couple was thrown out of the house they were living in. Fortunately for them, they met a St. Augustine parishioner who was able to give them shelter and who also introduced them to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, to our own Conference, the St. Augustine Conference.

I was one of the six Vincentians, as we call ourselves, who took turns to visit the couple. As soon as we received the call, we visited them at their new-found residence, and learned about their plight. We visited them a few more times after that first visit. During these visits, we provided them food, like canned goods, rice, etc., and gave them grocery gift cards. We also drove them to different employment agencies to help them find work. We did not hear from them for months until we ran into them at Tanforan. Both of them have found work and they were renting an apartment. They were extremely thankful and happy that St. Vincent de Paul was there when they needed help the most. Their joy was ours, too.

All of us have gifts to share—to our families, to our neighbors, to our community, to our church—may it be time, talent or treasure. Knowing that these gifts ultimately come from God, we can go out into our communities with joyful humility to serve, acting as God’s instruments. We can take our own blessings and resources and use them—not cling to them—but use them to restore, build up and bless others.

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY
Stewardship of Giving

Regular Sunday Offering:
August 18, 2019
$10,951.00

Debt Reduction
$3,807.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
$417.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus
$362.00

TOTAL as of the Month of July, 2019
Online Giving
$7,356.50

2019-2020 Respect Life Essay Contest

Students from 1st through 12 Grades—in Catholic schools and religious education classes, as well as home-schooled students in the Archdiocese of San Francisco—are invited to participate. Winning students receive cash awards from $25 to $250, depending on grade.

Essays should be postmarked by October 31, 2019. More information at https://sfarchdiocese.org/essay-contest

Catholic Women’s retreats: Healing after abortion
In Spanish: Sep 7-8  In English: Sep 14-15
More information: http://sfarchdiocese.org/rachel
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).


READEDS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Th 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1-7, 14

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at Saint Augustine

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? Please consider joining this year’s RCIA class led and facilitated by Deacon Nestor and a team of very knowledgeable catechists. The RCIA program meets once a week on Sundays from 9:30 – 12:00 noon and concludes with the Easter Vigil where the students (candidates & catechumens) receive their sacrament(s). Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 29. The class emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Nestor before or after Mass, email him at Deacon-Nestor@comcast.net or call him directly at 415-672-5252. Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls your friends, family members and/or acquaintances to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

YOUNG ADULTS of St. Augustine

If you are 18 years or older and are looking for an opportunity to express, rekindle and strengthen your faith in God, we invite you to join an evening of Faith Sharing on Thursday, August 29 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Our faith sharing evening allows for each participant to reflect on scripture as it pertains to their life and experiences. All are welcome and everyone is guaranteed to leave knowing a little bit more about God and His role in our lives.

For more information please email staugustineyoungadults@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to meeting you!

* Young adults are defined as young people ages 18-39 who are single or married, divorced or widowed, and in college, working, unemployed, or in the military.

Quotes from — Saint Augustine of Hippo

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.”

What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church.

There is another inward kind of prayer without ceasing, which is the desire of the heart.

After so many sufferings, diseases, troubles and pains, let us return humbly to that One Being. Let us enter into that city whose inhabitants share in Being itself.

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Invites you to their
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, August 26, 2019

Lake Merced Golf Club
2300 Junipero Serra Boulevard
Daly City, CA 94015

Presented by:
Goldilocks Bakeshop Corporate Sponsor
Hosted by Jubilee Golf Club

Registration Time: 10:00 am
Start Time: 12:00 Noon Shotgun Tournament Contacts:
Joseph Sparks 650-394-8060
Tito Gonzales 650-283-3516
Charlie Santos 650-580-8352
Fernando Sugang 650-784-2980
Parish Office 650-873-2282

Tournament Fee: $175 per player
(includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, awards, raffle prizes)
Format: Stroke Play, Handicap No Handicap = Blind Bogey
Prizes: Trophies for 1st & 2nd Low

SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE ROUND TRIP TICKET TO THE PHILS SPONSORED BY PHILIPPINE AIRLINES

HOLE-IN-ONE SPECIAL PRIZE TARGET PAR 3 WINS $20,000!
Ancillary Prizes on all Non-Target Par 3’s
$500 Visa Gift Card, 4K Ultra HD Smart TV, Set of Callaway Irons
Sponsored by Christy & Charlie Santos Farmers Insurance

FOLYERS AVAILABLE AT SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH FOR PARTICIPATION & SPONSORSHIP

Prayers for Our Sick

Manny Almojuela, Johnny Aquino, Gloria Barbiera, Rose Badua, Freddie & Yamiie Baldomero, Ruby Cruz, Josie Calimlim, Marianne Courbis, Caridad Esperante, Kathryn Gabriel, Al LaTorraca, Lourdes Medios, Anthony Morales, Olive Nuñez, Elette Padilla, Colette Panso, Evelyn Pimentel, Florence Stewart, Tony Regidor, Bob & Siegrid Topper

Deaths

Angel Reyes
Romeo Miguel