Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please do so in the vestibule or call the parish office.

Our Vision
Saint Augustine Parish is a worshiping community that enthusiastically manifests faith through action, with open arms for all of God’s children.

Our Mission
We live God’s Word and continue His Work.
The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2014

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
— Acts 1:9

A MISSION FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Matthew is the only one of the evangelists who does not speak explicitly of or recount the departure of Jesus from his followers. Mark and Luke recount the Ascension, each in his own way; and John consistently has Jesus speak of the necessity of his departure so the Paraclete might come. Matthew situates his final scene for Jesus on top of a mountain in Galilee (not outside Jerusalem, as Luke does). This is the region where his mission originated, and throughout his Gospel the mountaintop has been the place for him to teach his followers. (We are familiar with the “Sermon on the Mount” from Matthew.) And here Jesus re-echoes those Ascension themes we hear from the other evangelists: It is Jesus himself, risen and glorified, charged with power from the Father, who sends us out; it is Jesus himself who gives us our mission to baptize, heal, teach, and proclaim the Good News of salvation; it is Jesus himself who will be with us always, as we continue to be his presence alive in the world.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31,34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There was a curious custom years ago that perhaps developed in an age when Easter was seen less as a baptismal season than as a kind of tour through the deeds of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, sign of Christ’s presence, was removed from public view on Ascension Thursday, banished to the baptistery.

Ascension day does speak of the hidden aspects of Christ’s life among us, but it does not have much to do with God’s absence. Christ has not shed his human life like an inconvenient shell, but rather has taken humanity into heaven. The theologian Karl Rahner said that it is a festival of “the nearness of God.” In vanishing from our sight, Christ has become utterly available to all at every time and every place, and is “closer to us than he ever was.” Today is the feast of believing that beyond our final breath is a presence that waits for us, a banquet prepared, a tender homecoming embrace. Rahner said that today is a festival of the future of the world, a day for anticipating the world’s true destiny, and therefore hardly a day to be going around hiding candles!

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SAVE THE DATE

HEALING MASS
Fr. Joey Faller
Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM
St. Augustine Church
My dear Lay Ministers,

As the great feast of Pentecost, the day we celebrate the Gifts of the Spirit, draws near, I want to remind you of the "Day of Gratitude for our Lay Ministers" scheduled for Saturday, June 7.

This is a day when we as a parish can show our appreciation for the generosity and commitment of all the ministers and volunteers whose gifts of time and talent make our liturgies and the countless activities that invigorate our parish possible.

This day is a day of fellowship when ALL the ministers who share their gifts in various ministries come together to enjoy each other's company as we share a meal, refresh our skills and re-engage our energies in workshops tailored to the needs of each ministry.

This is a day when, as it ends, you'll find yourself saying, Wow, this is what I needed to keep my ministry alive and exciting!

People have asked me, “Is this mandatory?” Let me answer that question this way. Is celebrating the Gifts of the Spirit mandatory? Is sharing the simple grace of a meal with the people whom you minister with mandatory? Is refreshing one's ministerial skills--and learning new ones--mandatory? Given our commitment to liturgies, parish ministries and religious organizations that bring us to a deeper life, is a morning or afternoon of learning and sharing mandatory?

I'm betting the word 'mandatory' doesn't sound so burdensome when we hear it in these terms. As your Pastor, and fellow minister, I will set the example and be there with you. I look forward to seeing all parish ministers, members of religious organizations and volunteers at this joyful and formational event.

Let’s unite in pursuing our Parish Mission, “TO LIVE GOD’S WORD AND CONTINUE HIS WORK.”

Thank you and may God bless us all,

Fr Rene Ramoso
Pastor

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Congratulations
and
Thank You
to the

St. Augustine Catholic Church
Santacruzan 2014
Sagalas

Malou Cu
Reyna Elena

Andrea Steiner
Reyna de la Caridad

Kaizla Desuasido
Reyna de la Fe

Aika Ong
Reyna de la Esperanza

Cynthia Luzadas
Reyna Justica
Evelyn Pimentel
Reyna Abogada
Maria Precy Padama
Reyna de las Flores
Marie Machado
Reyna de las Virgenes
Kriselle Nicolas
Reyna Del Cielo
Roxanne Santiago
Reyna de los Profetas
Christina Christenson
Reyna Paz
Rhodalyn Cruz-Ignacio
Rosa Mystica
Christine Adiaz
Reyna de las Estrellas
Marites Berber
Divina Pastora
Liberty Macatuno
Mary, the Mother of James
Jennifer Clemente
Mary Joanna
Cleo Cruz
Mary of Magdala
Josephine Umali
Veronica
Mary Ann Gaston
Reyna Esther
Rouella Alferez
Reyna Sheba
Joan Marston
Liza Victoria
Reyna Judith
Kaila Desuasido
Lolita Esplana
Reyna Mora
Lilly Padilla-Bernardo
Reyna Banderada
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
June 2 - June 8

MONDAY
8:40am COMMUNITY MASS
5:30pm Valeria Morgia †

TUESDAY
8:40am Lina Herretra †
5:30pm Florencia Del Castillo †

WEDNESDAY
8:40am Ollie Ignacio (TG)
5:30pm Leoncia Atangan †

THURSDAY
8:40am Conrad Gamboa (BD)
5:30pm Marcos V. Gabagat †

FRIDAY
8:40am Eden & Mennie (Good Health)
5:30pm Sancho & Margarita Pineda †

SATURDAY
8:40am Jacob Bustamante †
4:30pm Cornelio Dayao †

SUNDAY
7:45am Margaret Jefferies (TG)
9:30am People of St. Augustine
11:00am Carolina Llamas †
12:30pm Jaron Family
5:30pm Rosita Mendoza †

(† Deceased (BD) Birthday (WA) Wedding Anniversary (TG) Thanksgiving (PI) Personal Intention

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
June 2 - June 8

Mon - June 2
Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A
Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. B
Pre-Baptismal Class 7:00 pm Church

Tue - June 3
Youth Choir 5:00 pm Hall
Bible Study 7:00 pm Conf. A

Wed - June 4
Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. C
K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel

Thu - June 5
Divine Will Recollection 9:00 am Chapel
Santo Niño 6:30 pm Chapel
Children’s Choir 5:30 pm Hall

Fri - June 6
St. Augustine Choir 7:30 pm Hall

Sat - June 7
Lay Ministry Workshop All Day Hall

Sun - June 8
Legion of Mary 9:30 am Conf. C
Jr. Legion 11:00 am Conf. A
Fil-Am 12:30 pm Conf. C

San Mateo Pro Life
Our next meeting will be:
Thurs June 5, 2014 @ 7:30pm
(Note: meeting the 1st Thurs this month)
St. Gregory’s Worner Center
138 28th Ave, San Mateo
(corner Hacienda)

Very important meeting
for all volunteers to our prolife booth at
the San Mateo County Fair, 6/7-6/15
(expecially all new volunteers)
We will go over all our prolife materials for the Fair,
particularly all our new materials
and discuss to whom these should be directed.
Everyone is welcome ~ for info: Jessica 572-1468

IN MEMORIAM
Romulo Loyola
Dell Amor

Mass Communications
Msgr. Juan Alarcon, Jr.
Marianne Courbis
Jun Panelo

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Regular Sunday Collection:
May 25, 2014
Catholic Communications $ 11,139.10
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Tue) $ 2,521.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Fri) $ 256.00

Date Weekly 1st Collection 2nd Collection
04/06/14 $10,778.25 $4,815.00
04/13/14 $13,054.81 $9,155.00
04/20/14 $30,232.59 Easter $3,623.00
04/27/14 $10,964.25 $2,347.00

Next Sunday’s second collection is for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.