Dear Catholic Physicians, Nurses and Other Medical Professionals,

I invite you to join me as I celebrate a special White Mass for Catholic Medical Professionals on the Feast of St. Luke, physician and patron of the medical profession. The Mass will be:

White Mass & Blessing of Catholic Medical Professionals
October 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Mater Dolorosa Church
307 Willow Avenue, South San Francisco 94080

Followed by reception hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Meet other faithful Catholics, network and have some fun as we nurture the community of Catholic medical professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area. The White Mass is the traditional name given for the Mass for medical professionals, drawn from the white coats that physicians still wear and the white uniforms worn by nurses in times past.

St. Luke was an educated Greek physician, author of the Gospel of St. Luke and a companion of the Apostle Paul who remained with him when he was imprisoned in Rome. He is a worthy patron of the medical profession.

The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Human Life & Dignity and by the newly formed San Francisco Guild of the Catholic Medical Association. All medical workers are welcome: doctors, dentists, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, physical and occupational therapists, nursing assistants and all in the broader health care field. I look forward to meeting you, and sharing a time of prayer and of socializing.

With gratitude for the dedication of your vocation, and with prayers for your perseverance, I remain,

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop
"Take off your shoes because the place you are standing is holy ground!" This quote from Exodus 3:5 could have applied to the feeling parishioners felt who attended the 12:30 Young Adult Mass on September 29 because of the Gregorian chants and sacred music that was specially selected for the liturgy that day. Fr. Ray Reyes, our pastor, contributed to this special mass by beautifully chanting the presider’s parts at the appropriate times in the liturgy. And an army of five altar servers familiar with incensing, along with both deacons, assisted Fr. Ray to make the mass even more special.

The idea of holding a mass that included chanting came from a meeting I held with the leaders of the Young Adult group at St. Augustine. Having attended several chanting courses for deacons, I suggested that the young adults learn something special, and uniquely different, about their faith by taking a workshop on chanting and singing traditional sacred music. My intention was to have the young adults pay homage to our liturgical history by incorporating chants and music from our past into their 5th Sunday mass. It was a simple way to have them connect to our church’s rich history. The idea of a “chant camp” caught on with other parishioners and the invitation was opened to anyone who was interested in participating in the special workshop.

Rebekah Wu, the music director for the Benedict XVI Institute Teaching Choir and Schola, taught the class accompanied by singers who graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music or had similar backgrounds. Not only did the participants chant and sing, but they also learned the important role of sacred music in the liturgy, the proper pronunciation of Latin words, and the special postures that are incorporated when chanting and singing. Vivian Ramos commented “My biggest take away from Rebekah was how she taught us to show reverence to Jesus Christ whenever we say his name. When Jesus Christ and Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are chanted, we are asked to do a profound bow, we sing God’s name very slowly, and we pause and take a breath after we say His name to show our respect. Now at mass, I find myself speaking his name slowly and bowing my head to show my deep reverence for Him.”

Led by Rebekah Wu and joined by a large number of parishioners who attended her chant and sacred music workshop earlier in the week, the music presented at mass was reminiscent of what one might have heard as a child attending mass in the early 1960’s, or a tourist might experience on vacation while attending mass in Europe.

St. Augustine parishioner Cecilia Adiaz commented after the mass, “I felt like I was attending mass in Rome...the music, the chanting and the incensing were so special and beautiful”. Sally Ortiz, president of the St. Augustine Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul, and someone who participated in the chant and sacred music workshop commented that she “…loved the music and chanting. It was an amazing experience!” And Rebekah Wu was so inspired by those who participated in the workshop and sang at mass that she is interested in doing a repeat performance sometime in the near future.

We are always looking for ways to engage the community in worshipping Jesus and invite you to join us this coming year as we offer classes, workshops, and special masses/liturgies at St. Augustine. We also encourage you to let us know how we can continue to make St. Augustine Church a place where you feel comfortable and welcomed.

In Christ,
Deacon Nestor

Hello to all at St. Augustine’s,

I pray that many of you will remember me. I’m Fr. Ted Lawson, C.Ss.R. I’m one of the Redemptorists who had the pleasure of celebrating the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Augustine’s back in June. I am looking forward to spending some time with you next weekend, October 19 & 20. Fr. Ray has invited me back as a follow up to the Novena and offered me an opportunity to speak on behalf of the Redemptorists asking for your support in our promotion of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. We have been promoting her throughout the world since 1866.

There is an important fact that cannot be ignored. Missionary activity requires funds to make it possible. I know there is a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother in your community. Please consider making a donation to the Redemptorists to help us renew devotion and, in some places, introduce Our Mother of Perpetual Help to people looking for ways to follow her example to draw closer to her Son and our Brother, Jesus.

“Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Listen to our prayers of petition. Your icon tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Mary, model of abundant love, we know we cannot heal every ill or solve every problem but we do pray with you that God’s will be done in all things. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help. “

May God bless you. I look forward to seeing you next weekend. In the meantime, Our Mother of Perpetual Help…

Pray for us!

In the Redeemer,
Fr. Ted Lawson, C.Ss.R.
**Stewardship of Giving**

**Regular Sunday Offering**

October 6, 2019 $11,653.00

Debt Reduction $5,252.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help $306.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus $620.00

**This Sunday’s** second collection is for the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.**

**Next Sunday’s** second collection is for the **Redemptorist**

**Online Giving** $8,771.00

**Total Number of Online Donors** - 49

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

**ASSESSMENT** $145,939.00

**COLLECTED TO DATE (Sep 2019)** $87,010.00

**BALANCE** $ 58,929.00

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**INFLUENZA “FLU” VACCINE - FREE**

**Get your “flu shot” FREE!**

Sunday, October 20, 2019
Saint Augustine Parish Hall
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**HEALTH FAIR** sponsored by the:

*San Francisco Lions Club*

In collaboration and partner with other non-profit organizations, including the

*Knights of Columbus Council 9714*

Aside from the flu vaccine, other services such as BP check, cholesterol and glucose check may be available.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

October 14 - October 20

**Monday - October 14**

Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A
SVdP 7:00 pm Hall

**Tuesday - October 15**

Bible Study 7:00 pm Chapel

**Wednesday - October 16**

Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Conf. A
Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Conf. C
K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel
2nd Yr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Hall

**Thursday - October 17**

Legion of Mary 9:30 am Conf. A
CCD 4:30 pm Hall
Santo Nino 6:30 pm Chapel
1st Yr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Hall

**Friday - October 18**

Youth Choir 4:00 pm Hall
Children’s Choir 5:30 pm Hall
St. Augustine Choir 8:00 pm Hall

**Saturday - October 19**

CCD 9:00 am Hall
CCD 10:00 am Conf. C
K of C Installation 1:00 pm Church/Hall

**Sunday - October 20**

Health Fair 8:00 am Parish Hall
Youth 9:00 am YC
Legion of Mary 9:15 am Conf. A
RCIA 9:30 am Conf. C
Legion of Mary 11:00 am Hall
Baptism 2:30 pm Church

2019-2020 Respect Life Essay Contest

Students from 1 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](https://sfarchdiocese.org/essay-contest)**
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns gratefully to Elisha (2 Kings 5:14-17).
Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 298).
Second Reading — If we have died with Christ we shall also live with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13).
Gospel — Ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one, a Samarian, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

On September 26, 2019 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, San Mateo Council awarded Raquel Villafuerte with the 2019 Ozanam Service Medallion Award in recognition of loving service to the Society and to those whom we serve. The mission of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to build a network of friends inspired by gospel values growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships and service to people in need. Raquel has 20 years of exemplary service with The Society of St. Vincent de Paul such as Thanksgiving and Christmas food delivery. The member expressed she wanted to become a Vincentian. Raquel answered, “I was looking for a ministry where I can put my faith into practice.”

Raquel’s most memorable Vincentian experience was her first home visit to a single mother with a 3 year old boy asking for assistance to pay her utility bill. A friendship developed over the various activities at St. Vincent de Paul such as Thanksgiving and Christmas food delivery. The member expressed she wanted to become Catholic because she saw the good things we did in the ministry. In 2009 the family received the sacraments during the Easter Vigil service.

Raquel received the award from The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, San Mateo President, Marty Duda and Jim Lonergan, Executive Officer during the annual Ozanam Awards Brunch at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront Hotel.

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Saturday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Closed between 12 nn-1:00 pm
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MASS SCHEDULE
Mon-Fri: 8:40 am, 5:30 pm; Sat: 8:40 am 4:30 pm; Sun: 7:45 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm; Holy Day: 8:40 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

CONFESSION
Fri: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Sat: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

BAPTISM
2nd & 4th Sat: 12:00 noon; Sun: 2:30 pm
Parents must contact the office at least one month before baptism. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal catechesis.

WEDDING
Parishioners who wish to be wed in St. Augustine Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the desired date.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
1st Friday: After 8:40 am Mass to 5:15 pm
All Other Fridays:
Exposition: 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY OPERATIONS
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
9:00 am to 12 Noon
Fridays: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Sundays
9:00 am to 5:00 pm