

## From the Pastor



This week will conclude our monthly installment of Augustinian Saints and Blesseds. At this time we will have a full year of our sisters and brothers who intercede for us with the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I pray you enjoyed learning more about our Augustinian women and men who loved God to the fullest.

### Augustinian Saints and Blesseds

•May 16 – [St. Alypius and St. Possidius](#) - **Saint Alypius** A contemporary of Augustine, Alypius was a friend and members of his monastic community in Hippo. Alypius was referred to by Augustine as "brother of my heart." He studied law in Rome. He first met Augustine while at school in Carthage. Augustine praised him for his honesty, sincerity and sense of justice. When he was living in Rome, Alypius had a government position involving the distribution of funds. He carried out his duties with integrity, not seeking to fill his own pockets with money that rightly belonged to others. Like Augustine, Alypius was at one time a Manichean. The two friends were both converted to Christ and were baptized together by Saint Ambrose in 387. Alypius helped Augustine start the first monastery in northern Africa in Tagaste. When Augustine was ordained a priest in Hippo, and started a monastery there, Alypius joined that community. He once traveled to the East, where he met the great biblical scholar Saint Jerome. Alypius was ordained Bishop of Tagaste around the year 394. He took part in the African Councils of the Church during his time as Bishop, and was chosen along with Possidius and Augustine to represent the Catholic Bishops at the famous meeting with the Donatists in Carthage in 411. He took part in the Council of Milevi (Numidia) in 416. He composed a written report on this Council for Pope Innocent. Alypius travelled to Italy several times as part of his opposition to the Pelagian heresy. He often carried Augustine's writings with him in order to present them to Pope Boniface. It is believed Alypius died shortly after Augustine, probably in the same year 430.

**Saint Possidius** - **Possidius** (died 437?) wrote the first biography of Augustine, in which he tells of their 40 years of close friendship. He was born in Northern Africa. Little is known of his childhood and youth. Possidius was a member of Augustine's monastic community in Hippo, along with Saint Alypius. As Bishop of Calama (Numidia), he faced opposition from the Donatists. On one occasion Donatist extremists set fire to a house where Possidius was visiting, narrowly escaping death. Twice he went to Italy to defend his Church. He was present at the Councils of the African Church in Carthage in 403 and 407, and was chosen along with Alypius and Augustine to represent the Catholic Bishops at the famous meeting with the Donatists in Carthage in 411, where he took an active role. Possidius was charged with official missions to Emperor Theodosius in 409 and in 410. He took part in the Councils of Malevi (416) and Carthage (419). These Councils were in opposition to the Pelagian heresy. When Calama was conquered by Vandal invaders in 429, Possidius took refuge with Augustine inside the walls of Hippo. Possidius was with Augustine at his death in 430. Hippo itself was attacked and burned in 431. Possidius returned to Calama, but in 437 was exiled by King Hunneric, who suppressed Christianity and forced Arianism on the territories that he conquered. During this time of exile, Possidius completed his famous book, The Life of Augustine. He died in exile around the year 437.

•May 18 – [Bl. William of Toulouse](#) - William (1297?-1369) was known as a man of prayer and a gifted preacher. Born around 1297, he joined the Augustinian Order as a young man of approximately 19 years. He studied in Paris, but spent most of his life in Toulouse. He lived austerely, and showed a special care for the poor. His preaching drew many to Christ and to the Order. William loved contemplation and prayer, in which he spoke with God. He died in Toulouse May 18, 1369. Pope Leo XIII declared him Blessed in 1893.

•May 19 – [Bl. Clement of Osimo and Bl. Augustine of Tarano](#) - **Clement** (died 1291) was a leader of the Augustinian Order known for his spirit of fraternal charity and life of poverty. He was considered to be a holy man and a worker of miracles. He was born around the beginning of the 13th Century in the region of Marcas, Italy, probably in San Elpidio. As a young man, he entered the Augustinians in Brettino. He was chosen Prior Provincial of the Province of Marche of Ancona in 1269, and twice selected as Prior General of the Order, serving in that role from 1271 to 1274, and then again in 1284, serving in that office until his death in 1291. He, along with Bl. Augustine of Tarano, helped revise the Regensburg Constitutions of the Order (the basic law by which the Order is governed). He encouraged formal studies on the part of the friars, and founded five schools where those studies could be undertaken. He supported the establishment of libraries. He insisted on proper observance of the Augustinian way of life. He promoted the foundation of Augustinian houses for women. Clement died April 8, 1291. He was first buried at the Augustinian house in Orvieto. Later his remains were divided, with a portion remaining in Orvieto, and other portions sent for burial in Osimo and in San Elpidio. In the early 18th Century, most of his remains were gathered together and reburied at St. Augustine Church, Rome. Since 1970 his remains are preserved at the General Headquarters of the Order in Rome. Pope Clement XIII proclaimed him Blessed in 1759.

**Blessed Augustine of Tarano** (died 1309?) was a leader of the Augustinian Order known for his humility, his zeal for religious observance and his love of contemplation in a setting of community brotherhood. Born in Tarano, Matthew Novello earned his Doctorate in Civil and Canon (Church) Law at Bologna. He served in the court of King Manfred of Sicily. After a period of time in the royal court, he entered the Augustinian Order, taking the name Augustine. At first he concealed his experience in the court and his Doctorate in Law. Later, his community became involved in a property dispute and he then admitted his true background. Blessed Clement brought him to Rome, where he was ordained a Priest. He served as penitentiary in the Roman Curia, and was chosen as Prior General of the Order in 1298. He collaborated with Blessed Clement in the revision of the Regensburg Constitutions of the Order (the basic law by which the Order is governed). He resigned that office two years later, and retired to the hermitage of Saint Leonard near Siena. He was instrumental in the establishment of Santa Maria della Scala Hospital in Siena. He died in Siena on May 19 of either 1309 or 1310. His remains were for a long time preserved at the Church of Saint Augustine, Siena, but are now at Termini Imerese in Sicily. Pope Clement XIII declared him Blessed in 1761.

•**May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia** - Known as the "Saint of the Impossible" and the "Peacemaker", Rita (1380?-1457?) overcame many difficulties throughout her life. She had a generous love and a deep sense of penance. She was able to bring about peace between rival families and heal divisions between hostile groups of people. Born in Roccaporena, Cascia, Italy around the year 1380, Rita Lotti at an early age wanted to become a nun. Her parents, however, insisted that she marry. So, at the age of 14, she married Paolo Mancini, a man who was a bit "rough around the edges". Rita was a good influence on Paolo. They lived harmoniously for 18 years and had twin sons. Paolo, who had settled down and become a responsible adult, worked as the town watchman. One day, members of a local political faction ambushed and murdered him. Their sons, influenced by their local environment and by angry family members, wanted to avenge their father's murder. Rita forgave her husband's killers. She prayed that her sons would die rather than follow the unwritten "law of vendetta" and take revenge upon the murderers. In fact, both sons did die from natural causes shortly afterwards. Rita, now without a family, sought to fulfill her desires to become a religious sister. At first the nuns of the Augustinian convent of Saint Mary Magdelene did not want to receive her, partly because she had been a married woman and partly because some of the sisters were relatives of Paolo's killers. Rita persisted. She prayed and worked to establish peace between the hostile factions of Cascia. Finally she was accepted into the convent. She remained in the cloister during the final 40 years of her life. Fifteen years before her death, while at prayer, she received on her forehead the mark of a thorn from Jesus' crown of thorns. During the last four years of her life, Rita was seriously ill. She died May 22, 1457 and her remains are preserved in the Church of Saint Rita in Cascia.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,

Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.



## MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, **May 26th** is a federal holiday. There will be one mass only at 8:30am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, **May 27th** at 9:00am. The entire parish staff wishes all a safe and relaxing holiday. There is a book placed at the front of the church for you to remember all those members of your family who have served our country in any manner.



## A NOTE FROM OLG PASTORAL PLANNING COUNCIL

We would like to hear your comments, suggestions and questions. The OLG PPC will host a table in Stack Center following the 9:00am Mass the first Sunday of each month (next week, **June 1st**) Please come visit with us with questions, concerns or any observations that you might have. We look forward to hearing from you on **June 1st**.

## SUMMER VBS FUN !!

**DATE:** July 28th to August 1, 2014

**TIME:** 9:00 am to Noon OR Family VBS - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Our Lady of Grace- Stack Center and classrooms

**AGES:** entering Kindergarten thru entering 5th grade; 6th grade and up- consider becoming a volunteer counselor or CIT "counselor in training"

**COST:** \$40/ per student; (Scholarships available). Family VBS 5 and under FREE. Children participate with their parents/guardian. Kids Kindergarten to 5th \$40/student. \$100.00 maximum per family. Teen Volunteers- **no cost**.

The incredibly popular **Hero Head Quarters VBS** is **BACK AGAIN** with dynamic Bible lessons, characters, games, crafts and more! At Hero Head Quarters, kids will meet Bible heroes and ordinary everyday heroes who are often overlooked. They will discover that if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can be heroes' right where they are! With God's power at work, we can be the best we can be in any situation.



## FATHERS' DAY

As a means of honoring our fathers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **June 16th, 17th and 18th**. Cards are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the half-sheet of paper and return to the parish office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Did you miss your opportunity with last year's RCIA group? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Now is the time to think about becoming Catholic.

The RCIA process is open to adults who are not baptized, Christians validly baptized in another Christian denomination, baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist, and Confirmation and have had little or no faith formation. Through the RCIA Inquiry process you will discover the truth, beauty, and goodness awaiting you in the Catholic Church. Call the parish office for additional information.

## FROM THE OAKLAND DIOCESE CURSILLO COMMUNITY

This is your invitation to make a Cursillo weekend, which is a three day learning, sharing experience of living in a Christian Community. The word "Cursillo" in Spanish, means a little course. During the three days of the weekend, a person not only hears what it really means to be a Christian but actually get to experience the joy of building and being a part of a genuine Christian Community. The next Women's Weekend: **May 30th--June 1st**. at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland, For information you may go to [www.oak-cursillo.org](http://www.oak-cursillo.org). If you need additional information contact Ruth Picha at 538-9063.

**PLEASE REGISTER....**

*Why is it important that we register at Our Lady of Grace? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Why should we bother to use the envelope system?*

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend Our Lady of Grace they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself with Our Lady of Grace. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of Our Lady of Grace. Your registration affects Our Lady of Grace in many ways. Census numbers can determine what obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confession, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Registering at Our Lady of Grace is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish.

The expense of the envelope system is cost effective. Using the envelope system is a way that our parish can verify your participation in weekly Mass. If you are receiving envelopes but not using them, please consider using them now.

**FAITHFUL STEWARDS  
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014**

Following is the status of our Annual Bishops Appeal through **May 7th**:

\$ 19,308.00 – Actual Donations Received

<b>Our Goal for 2014:</b>	<b>\$25,139.00</b>
# of Registered Families	1,555
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	142
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$23,623.00

We are currently at 94% of our goal for this years Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution consider doing so today.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

In gratitude for God's gifts of "Treasure" to us, we gratefully returned to God's church in the,

**Offerings of May 18th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,912.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,618.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$151,801.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$141,815.00

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**Your Prayers Are Requested**

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Frances Arzino   | Vernon Rodrigues |
| Connie Deitrick  | Joan Scarlett    |
| Kathleen Denning | Florence Sharp   |
| Hilda Engel      | Pat Silva        |
| Estela Enriquez  | Carolynne Steen  |
| Mary Franks      | Nancy Swinyer    |
| Byron Griffith   | James Van Wert   |
| Raymond Lowe     |                  |

*As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:*

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| <b>KEVIN DIAS</b>      | <b>DAVID SANCHEZ</b> |
| <b>MICHAEL SANCHEZ</b> |                      |

*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

**ANH KIM GOODSON**

**Gospel for The Ascension of the Lord (June 1st)**  
**Matthew 28:16--20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**SPRING AUCTION UPDATE**  
**A WORD OF THANKS**

There were many who helped bring this night to a successful completion and we don't want to leave anyone out however, we have to extend a big thank you to Chrystalla Sanchez and Liz Hui-zar for their tireless solicitation of the amazing donations that comprised both the Live and Silent Auction listings as well as all the work that goes into organizing an event of this magnitude. Thank you once again to Patty Larriega for so skillfully managing the evening event. Thanks again to Paris Greenwood who returned as Auctioneer this year and did a fabulous job. We are also most thankful for the awesome bartending team of Sean and Jeanenne Deorsey, as well as the 8th grade students who helped with food service, and the amazing Dessert Auction Chefs.

The Auction evening was great fun with a delicious dinner from Miraglia, and when the bidding was done there was dancing. When the results are tallied we will be happy to inform you of the outcome--and we again thank everyone who made this such a fun and positive gathering.

**REMEMBER OUR LADY OF GRACE**

Please consider remembering Our Lady of Grace in your Will or Trust.

Should you have any questions, call Fr. Greg at the Parish Office, 537-0806.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 25th:**

*Coffee and Donuts*  
*After all Masses*

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 9:00am Mass

**Monday, May 26th:**

Memorial Day  
 Parish Offices Closed

**Tuesday, May 27th:**

Men's Bible Study  
 6:00pm--Stack Center

**Thursday, May 29th:**

Serenity Group  
 8:15pm— Stack Center

**Sunday, June 1st:**

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 9:00am Mass

**Misa en Español**  
**3er domingo del mes**  
**A las 2.00pm**  
**SPANISH MASS**

Fr. Greg will be offering a mass in Spanish one Sunday of every month at 2:00pm in the Church. The next Spanish Mass will be Sunday, **June 8th** at 2:00pm.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7th**

Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:  
 Saturday, **June 7th**  
**3:30pm--4:30pm**  
 Followed by Benediction  
 Closing at 4:45pm  
 In the Church  
*All are welcome.*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Please note: During the school year, our 8:30am Monday mass will be celebrated in the church. Unless otherwise noted all other weekday masses will be held in the Chapel.

**MONDAY, MAY 26th (CHURCH)**  
*St. Philip Neri, priest*  
 8:30am Manuel & Dorothy Callier (D)

**TUESDAY, MAY 27th**  
 7:00am Mary Borges (D)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st**  
 7:00am Jacqueline Cavey (D)

**THURSDAY, MAY 22nd**  
 7:00am Filomeno Ruiz (D)

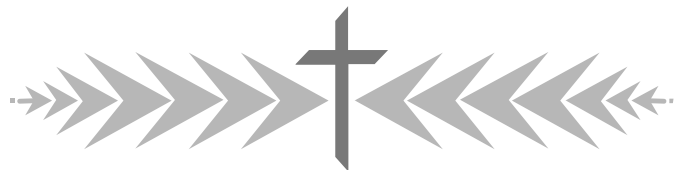
**FRIDAY, MAY 23rd**  
 7:00am Mary Maravella (D)

**SATURDAY, MAY 24th**  
 8:30am Greg Wurtz (D)



**ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:30 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.



**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **May**:

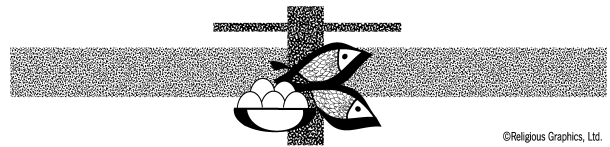
May 21st	Russell Bucklew	MO
May 21st	Robert Pruett	TX
May 28th	Arthur Tyler	OH

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**May 26th through June 1st**

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22—18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Saturday: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11



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**SHELTER SHUFFLE  
 THANK YOU !**

Another Shelter Shuffle is behind us and all those who participated had a wonderful time walking around the San Leandro Marina.

Colleen Lindberg, of Team Our Lady of Grace and Chris Ippolito, our Parish Representative to FESCO are most grateful for the financial support from our parishioners to our fundraising effort on behalf of the Shelter Shuffle. To date Our Lady of Grace has raised over \$2,800.00 for the Shelter Shuffle. If you intended to give and have not yet sent a check there is still time. You can send your donations directly to:

FESCO – Shelter Shuffle  
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