

We continue with our monthly installment of Augustinian Saints and Blesseds. The universal Church honors six Augustinians during the month of April. We began our monthly journey with our heavenly friends last June. We will end our hagiography of Augustinian Saints and Blesseds in May 2014. 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'm providing the last three of our Saints and Blesseds commemorated in April.

Augustinian Saints and Blesseds

•April 23 – **Bl. Helen of Udine** - Helen Valentini (1396-1458), an Augustinian Tertiary, was known for her spirit of penance, obedience, humility, devotion to the Passion of Christ and to the Eucharist, and for her love of neighbor. While still a young girl, she married Antonio Cavalcanti, an official of the city of Udine. The couple raised six children before Antonio died in 1441. Sometime after the death of her husband, Helen became an Augustinian Tertiary. She was the first member of the Augustinian Third Order in Udine. She dedicated herself completely to God. She devoted long hours to prayer and meditation on the Gospels. She provided personal service and material contributions to works of mercy. Helen developed a reputation as a miracle worker. At times she suffered physical torment and severe depression. Prayer and confidence in the will of God saw her through these difficult times. Her last three years were marked by a painful illness. She died April 23, 1458. Her remains were first buried at the Augustinian Church of Saint Lucy, but later her body was moved to the Cathedral of Udine. She was beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1848.

•April 24 – **Conversion of St. Augustine** - Augustine's life as a young man was characterized by loose living and a search for answers to life's basic questions. He would follow various philosophers, only to become disillusioned with their teachings. For nine years he was associated with the Manichean sect. But he gradually became aware that Manicheism was unable to provide satisfactory answers to his probing questions. At this time, Augustine was teaching rhetoric in Milan. He went to hear the preaching of Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan. At first he went only to hear Ambrose's eloquent style of speaking. But the Bishop's preaching led Augustine to a new understanding of the Bible and the Christian Faith. Sometime in the year 386, Augustine and his friend Alypius were spending time in Milan. While outdoors, Augustine heard the voice of a child singing a song, the words of which were, "Pick it up and read it. Pick it up and read it." He thought at first that the song was related to some kind of children's game, but could not remember ever having heard such a song before. Then, realizing that this song might be a command from God to open and read the Scriptures, he located a Bible, picked it up, opened it and read the first passage he saw. It was from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. Augustine read: Not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. --Romans 13: 13-14. Reading this scripture, Augustine felt as if his heart were flooded with light. He turned totally from his life of sin. He was Baptized by Ambrose during the Easter Vigil April 24, 387. His friend Alypius and his son Adeodatus were Baptized at the same time. Later, reflecting on this experience, Augustine wrote his famous prayer: You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. He went on to become a powerful influence on the spirituality and theology of the Christian Church.

•April 26 – **Our Mother of Good Counsel** - Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under the title Mother of Good Counsel has a special place of honor among the Augustinians. A fifth-century church in Latium was named Saint Mary of Good Counsel. Pastoral care of its people was entrusted to the Augustinians in 1356. The original painting entitled Mother of Good Counsel is in the Augustinian Church in Genazzano, Italy. This picture portrays Mary holding the child Jesus. Her veil is around Jesus' shoulders, and Mary, caring mother that she was, is giving some good counsel to her son. An ancient legend says that this fresco was miraculously transported to Genazzano from its former home in Albania. The fresco came to rest on a narrow ledge inside the then unfinished Genazzano church, according to this legend, and it remains in the same place today. During a restoration of the church begun in 1957, however, scientific tests gave evidence of the true origins of the small (12 inches by 17 inches) fresco. It was probably painted sometime between 1417 and 1431 by the Italian artist Gentile de Fabriano. It appears to have been part of a larger fresco that covered most of the church wall. The unfinished church was used, even though more construction remained to be done. The wall with the fresco was later covered with other decorations, and even later was painted over. Years later a widow named Petruccia promised to pay for additional construction in the church. During this construction, the original painting of mother and child was revealed, perhaps by falling plaster or peeling paint. Its unexpected appearance was considered by some to be a miracle. Thus the legend grew. The Genazzano church became a popular place of pilgrimage. Numerous cures took place there. The Augustinian Friars were invited to minister to the spiritual needs of the pilgrims. They continue to serve there to this day. Most Popes, shortly after their election to that office, visit the shrine of Our Mother of Good Counsel to pray for wisdom.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,
Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.



**MAY 17th, 2014
Live & Silent Auction
Dinner & Dancing**



Our Lady of Grace Spring Auction is the biggest one night fundraiser of the year for the school and Parish. Please join us to raise funds for the Parish and school while having a great time! Tickets to the Auction are available in the Parish Office for \$30.00

Don't miss out on this adults only evening --dinner catered by Miraglia, No host bar; Live and Silent Auction, dancing and much more!

To make an Auction Donation contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish office, 537-0806.



MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 12th, 13th, and 14th**. 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 it to the Parish Office. A donation will be given to the "Get On the Bus" program that will bring children and their guardians from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers in prison.

GOT AN AUCTION ITEM?

100% of our auction items are donated. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connections with a local sports team? Frequent Flyer miles? In the past we have received donations for vacation rentals, automobiles, hosted dinner, fine wines, and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets. Please be creative and consider what you can donate. Please contact Patricia Larriega at (510) 984-8374 or Colleen Lindberg in the parish office with your donation items.

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT
POPE JOHN PAUL II**

The entire Parish community is invited to join together for a Light Potluck Dinner and movie, Thursday, **May 22nd** at 5:30pm. The movie will begin at 6:00pm. Please bring a side dish or salad to share if you plan on joining us for dinner, the entrée will be provided by the Augustinian Community. Please RSVP to the Parish office, or with Bonnie Ricketts.

The movie Pope John Paul II stars Jon Voight. This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Pete. It explores his life behind the scenes; how he touched millions of people and changed the face of the Church and the world; and how he defended the dignity of mankind. Shot of location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican.

Our Lady of Grace
Vacation Bible School
July 28-August 1, 2014

Join us for a week of epic adventure as we join forces with God!
Through music, crafts, games and stories.
We learn that everyone can be a hero!




Two options to fit your schedule!
Morning session for K & up • 9-noon
Evening Family session, all ages • 6:30-8:30p
(kids attend with an adult)

Middle School and High school students serve as
Counselors and Counselors-in-training (CITs).
Adult volunteers (18+) are needed in all areas.

Registration begins May 1, 2014

Download forms at www.olgcv.org (available May 1)
Contact Our Lady Grace Faith Formation Center
510-582-9266 • ffc@olgcv.org

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HAPPY Mother's DAY

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.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Friday, **May 16th** all the Guild Ladies will join together for lunch at 11:30am in Stack Center. Our catered lunch costs \$10.00 and Elaine Hammer (537-5061) is collecting the money. She needs to know you are coming so she can order enough food. Give her a call and join us for a tasty meal and a chance to greet the Spring day with friends.



FAITHFUL STEWARDS BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014

Following is the status of our Annual Bishops Appeal through **April 30th**:

\$ 19,103.00 – Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2014:	\$25,139.00
# of Registered Families	1,555
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	142
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$23,398.00

We are currently at 93% of our goal for this years Bishop's Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed and look forward to completing this 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 4th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,450.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,163.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$137,130.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$126,244.00

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:

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

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:

KEVIN DIAS	DAVID SANCHEZ
MICHAEL SANCHEZ	

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

MARK RICHARDSON

Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Greg continues , **May 13th** at 7:00pm now meeting in the Parish Office. The study will continue every other Tuesday for an hour at each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

Next week is Outreach Sunday --an opportunity to help St. Vincent de Paul by providing non perishable foods for the food pantry.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 11th:

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

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

Tuesday, May 13th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study:
7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, May 15th:

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Augustine Center

Friday, May 16th:

Our Lady's Guild Luncheon
11:30am--Stack Center

Saturday, May 17th:

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:30am Mass
Spring Auction Dinner, Dance
6:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, May 18th:

Coffee and Donuts
After all Masses

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

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.

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, **May 18th** at 2:00pm.

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 12th (CHURCH)

St.'s Mereus and Achilleus, martyrs;

St. Pancras, martyr

8:30am Mother's Day Remembrance

TUESDAY, MAY 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

7:00am Mother's Day Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14th

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

7:00am Mother's Day Remembrance

THURSDAY, MAY 15th

St. Isidore

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 16th

St.'s Alypius and Possidius, bishops

7:00am Joe & Isabel Furtado (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

8:30am Anthony & Maria Velasquez (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**:

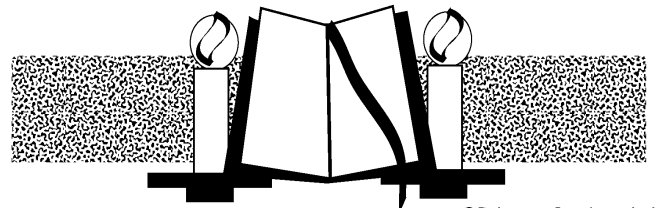
May 21st	Russell Bucklew	MO
May 21st	Robert Pruett	TX
May 28th	Arthur Tyler	OH

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families. 5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 12th through May 18th

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; John 15:9-17
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY, May 17th

Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday, **May 17th**

Following the 8:30am Mass

Private Devotions

In the Chapel

All are welcome.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Patricia Hierro continues a Bible Study on the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians meeting every other Monday, at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The next meeting date is Monday, **May 19th**. It is not too late to join this group you can join at anytime. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

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